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# Ten Killed In Ogun Cult Clashes As Police Parade 93 Suspects

No fewer than ten persons believed to be cult members have been killed at separate cult clashes in Sagamu and Iperu area of Ogun State.

Dependable police source said the cult clashes started on Monday night.

Nine persons have been reportedly killed between Monday and Tuesday in Sagamu, one other member of Eiyé Confraternity was reportedly killed in his shop in Iperu allegedly by the Aiye group.

Daily Independent gathered that crisis broke out in Sagamu between the cult rival groups during a night party tagged Easter Mega Night show and six years anniversary of a group called 'Infinity Base' organised by a man simply identified as Basogun.

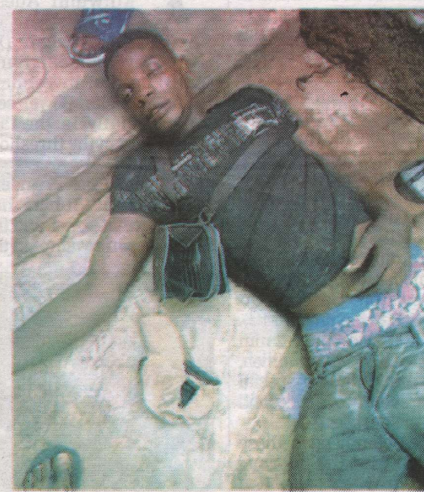
It was further gathered that the crisis dated back to the election period where a member of Aiye confraternity was killed by Eiyé cult members and since then, the two dominant cult groups in Sagamu have been at loggerheads.

It was gathered that the two groups came face to face during the night show which featured a popular musician, Remi Aluko, where one elderly man believed to also be a member of Aiye was attacked and injured.

A source close to the area told our correspondent on condition of anonymity that the other members of the Aiye descended on Eiyé group killing six on the spot.

One Aiye member was also reportedly killed early Monday morning while two other members of Eiyé were also killed later in the day.

About fourteen suspects, as at the time of filling this report, have been arrested and were being profiled by the Police at the Ogun Command headquarters in Elewera, Abeokuta, the Ogun State



capital, in order to determine their level of involvement.

In Iperu, one of the 15 suspects so far arrested who identified himself as Hassan Adeboye said one of his friends was killed by Aiye group in his barbing saloon shop called 'San Siro'.

Adeboye said they were in town to revenge the killing of their friend when members of the Oodua People's Congress started arresting them and took them to police station.

Adeboye said they have not been able to either kill or injured any of the rival groups before their arrest, adding that he was even running away from the community when he was apprehended.

He said, "One of our friends was killed by Aiye on Sunday at his work place in San Siro and his shop was burnt and everybody was angry for that development and wondered why they will kill

him and run away

"Immediate he was killed, I return back today to take some cloths and escape but the OPC members were in town arresting out members.

"We didn't attack anybody in town, we were also attempting to revenge the death of our gang member by the opposing group, before the OPC members started arresting people in town. we all work in a barbing saloon and we know ourselves."

Another suspect, Moruf Jalyesinmi, who also confirmed that he was member of Eiyé said, "My wife and son are at home, when I observed that some of my friends have been arrested, I was trying to escape from the community when I met the OPC members and they started chasing me.

"At a point, I came out and explained to them that I wasn't involved in the crises but was leaving the community for the dust to settle but



The arrested suspects and those killed

they didn't listen to my explanation, they started beating me and even macheted me," he said.

As at the time of filling this report, our source said

the Police Commissioner Bashir Makama, had led other senior police officers to the area in order to find a lasting solution to the problem.

Makama, had earlier

paraded no fewer than 93 suspects arrested between Saturday and Monday for various offences ranging from robbery, murder, kidnapping, and cultism, amongst others.