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One of the burnt vehicles



The suspects

# Eight Suspects Arrested For Allegedly Setting Hotel Ablaze

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Operatives of the Lagos State Police Command have arrested eight suspected cultists for allegedly setting a hotel on fire.

Daily Independent gathered that the incident occurred on Saturday and a distress call was put across to the police that there was a fire outbreak at Chukuma Hotel by Babashola Street Itire area of Lagos state.

The state's Police spokesman DSP Bala Elkana said yesterday

that following the report a combined team of Policemen and firefighters was mobilised to the scene.

He said: "The fire was eventually put off and preliminary investigation revealed that the fire was set by some cult groups Eiye and Aiye Confraternity, which clashed at a drinking joint in the hotel."

He said: "Trouble started at about 2200 hours when a hot argument ensued between members of two rival gangs in the joint. The son of the owner of the hotel, who is now

at large was said to have stabbed a member of a rival gang identified as Aliu Lamidi, 29 years old of Aborishade Street, on the neck.

"The victim was rushed to the hospital where he eventually died. Three vehicles that were parked by the road side were also burnt. Eight suspects were arrested in connection with the incident. Security is beefed up at the affected area. Investigation is ongoing and the suspects will be charged to Court." Elkana, explained.