

# Expectant mother, three others die in cult clash

**N**O fewer than four persons, including an expectant mother, were feared killed on Monday night when suspected cultists clashed on Amodu Street in Idi Oro near Mushin, Lagos State.

Passersby were caught in the crossfire as rival cult groups exchanged gunfire. Many were injured in the ensuing melee.

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For more than 30 minutes, residents were terrified by sound of gunshots before policemen from the Alakara Police Station in Mushin arrived. *The Nation* learnt that the cultists opened fire on the policemen, who returned fire.

Eyewitnesses said the victims were residents of the area, hit by stray bullets. *The Nation* gathered that the clash started when some cultists from Fadeyi near Palmgrove, known as *Toba boys*, invaded the area to revenge the killing of one of them, identified as Segun Obama, on January 3.

The hoodlums, our correspondent gathered, initially visited the area, at the weekend, to kill a member of the rival group. But their target left before their arrival at a game house, where he was said to be playing with his friend.

Disappointed, the gun-wielding hoodlums allegedly killed the friend to send a message to their target.

On Monday, the hoodlums returned, searching for their target, who reportedly alerted his gang members to attack the invaders. Residents, who did not want their names mentioned, said the boys shot at one another for several minutes before the police arrival.

*The Nation* gathered that there was no casualty from both groups, but the victims were residents who were either relaxing at the front of their houses or returning from work. The identities of the victims could not be confirmed at press time but some residents said they were not members of the cult groups.

An eyewitness, who simply identified himself as Kabiru, said the expectant mother was hit by stray bullet as she



• The late Segun

attempted to rescue her son, who was playing outside the house. A senior police officer that does not want his name in print said the police would soon arrest those behind the killing. Hoodlums, who were just released from the prisons, he said, had been fingered as brains behind it.

He said: "When the hoodlums were still in the prisons, absolute peace returned to the Mushin community. But as soon as they were released, they resumed their violent activities."