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Man kills self over lover as another dies in cult violence

A RESIDENT of Onikolobo area of Abeokuta, the Ogun State capital, one Oluwatosin Otaiku, has stabbed himself to death following disagreement with his fiancée, identified as Toyin.

The Nation gathered that Toyin had told Otaiku (33) that they should end their courtship as she was no longer interested.

But the decision unsettled the young man for many

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weeks until it drove him into killing himself at the weekend.

It was learnt that concerned friends had tried to resolve the matter between the two lovers in the privacy of a shop at Safari junction in Onikolobo.

But the lady had no inkling that the man had a knife concealed in his dress.

But as Toyin stood her ground, maintaining that she

would not continue with the relationship, her partner brought out the knife from his pocket. She fled the spot, suspecting she was a target of an attack.

Toyin reportedly alerted neighbours, who rushed to the scene and met the deceased stabbing himself repeatedly.

He was said to have been rushed to the Federal Medical Centre, Abeokuta. But he died on the way.

A witness said a detach-

ment of policemen from Adigbe Divisional Police Headquarters were sighted carrying out preliminary investigation at the scene before removing the remains of the deceased to the State Hospital, Ijaye.

Three persons, including Toyin, were later arrested and whisked away in a Hilux Van marked NPF 7092 C.

The Command's Police Public Relations Officer, Olumuyiwa Adejobi, said Toyin was in the custody while postmortem

examination would be carried out on the deceased.

Adejobi, a Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP), explained the police would still examine the statements made by the suspects and the witnesses.

Adejobi said: "The lady is still with us. She is still our suspect for now until we carried out a proper investigation on the corpse."

Also, renewed rival cult violence clash between suspected members of Eiyé and

Aiyé confraternities in Ijebu-Ode area on Sunday night left one Segun Adepona dead.

The late Adepona, who was suspected to be a member of one of the feuding cult groups, was said to have been shot dead at Jogbo Street, off Ibadan Garage, Ijebu Ode.

In the last one month, over a dozen youths suspected to be cult members were killed in the city in attacks and counter-attacks between Eiyé and Aiyé confraternities.