

•A gang banger slouches while on watch in the aftermath of gang war in Akala, Mushin Lagos



by the Supreme Eiye Confraternity (SEC) at a restaurant on Kayode Street in Onipanu, Lagos. The victims, said to be members of Black Axe Confraternity, were reportedly having a good time when the opposing Eiye cult group stormed the restaurant to murder them. The late Asegbe was allegedly a SEC member hence his brutal murder was suspected to be a reprisal attack. He is survived by aged parents, three wives and seven children.

Similar attacks

From January 2015 to date, several youths have been killed in the ongoing gang war ravaging Mushin, Fadeyi and Onipanu in Lagos. The attacks are carried out in similar manner, in mafia-execution style. In February, an alleged member of Eiye confraternity, known as Segun Obama, was killed in Mushin by a bandit group led by a youth known as Oyinbo (his real name unknown) on Ajisegiri Street. The late Segun was said to be the hit man for SEC and had killed many people from the opposing confraternity. Segun was stabbed several times with a dagger on the neck and chest before he was shot to death by his assailants.

In June, Oyinbo reportedly killed another member of Eiye Confraternity at a political meeting organised by a federal lawmaker on Olateju Street in Mushin. The lawmaker, it was learnt, was shocked by the incident, prompting him to invite police to make arrest but the police arrived too late because after killing the victim with a sledge hammer, Oyinbo disappeared to escape arrest.

In August, the late Segun's SEC group, however, made a big 'breakthrough' killing Oyinbo in a lottery kiosk located on Ogunmokin Street.

The Nation investigations revealed that the incident happened in the presence of an anti-riot police squad stationed in the area to forestall violence. No arrest was made; the assailants, who, witnesses said, were armed with sophisticated guns, left the scene without confrontation by anyone. From September, over 10 youths have been killed in reprisal attacks in the area.

Awawa, One Million Boys and so on...

At the moment, no fewer than 46 members of Awawa Confraternity, in Agege and environs, were recently arrested by operatives of Rapid Response Squad (RRS) of Lagos State Police Command. The suspects were arrested in the early hours of Saturday morning along Agidingbi Road, Ikeja and Agege, in an operation that lasted about three hours. The operation was led by the Assistant Superintendent of Police Timothy Ojetunde, acting on tip-off from victims of the group along Agidingbi, Agege and Ogba areas.

The Commander, RRS, Assistant Commissioner of Police Olatunji Disu, who confirmed the arrest, said: "Apart from incessant complaints from the residents alleging that some group of young boys and girls aged between 15 and 22, were making lives difficult for residents, they equally rape, loot, snatch and dispossess law-abiding citizens of their belongings.

"During their recent attack

along Agidingbi Road, we were able to arrest 46 of them, including six females, while others manage to escape. Before we made the arrests, they engaged us in a fight, throwing stones and broken bottles at us. On arrival at the RRS Headquarters, the suspects were still raging, saying no one can arrest them and go scot free. They threatened that if we do not let them go, their colleagues who are yet to be arrested, would besiege our base the following day and set them free."

During interrogation, some of the culprits alleged they were lured into the dreaded cult group with promise of power and stress-free access to the love of pretty girls.

"They promised me that I would have free access to girls, who are members of the group," revealed a member of the crew. "We loot, rape and rob innocent members of public each and every time we are operating. We do not fear anybody, even police, because we are always in hundreds," said Lukmon, a member of the group.

Dolapo Badmus, Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), stated that the Awawa cult group is a very violent group. "We are after them. Their financiers and leaders are our targets; with those in our dragnet, the tide is against them," stressed the state PPRO.

Recently, the One Million Boys gang instilled fear in the minds of Ojo and Badagry residents of Lagos informing them of a coming revenge, courtesy a letter allegedly written to the residents by the group. Residents revealed that the letter was written to them following the arrest of four members of the gang after their recent robbery operation in the area that left many residents injured, with many losing their valuables to the gang. The threat has left the residents in fear and they have resorted to self-help by

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