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## Cult war: Police investigating teen's death

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**D**ETEKTIVES from the Homicide Section of the State Criminal Investigation and Intelligence Department (SIID) have begun investigations into the death of a 16-year-old boy killed in Mushin.

Seun Babalola was shot in February at Idi-Araba when suspected cultists went on the rampage in the area.

It was gathered that the investigation followed the arrest of a notorious cultist, identified as Wasiu Olorio-sho.

In a fact finding visit to the deceased's grandmother's house, Mrs. Mary Babalola, 64, who was hit by stray bullet, policemen discovered that the woman has been bedridden since the incident.

Reliving her ordeal, Mrs. Babalola said she and her grandson were closing her shop to go home, when gunmen stormed the area, shooting sporadically.

Her words: "A stray bullet hit my grandson in the head where he was hiding. Another bullet pierced my thigh, throwing me to the ground."

"Several people were injured and we were all taken to the Lagos University Teaching Hospital (LUTH) after the gunmen fled."

"The following day, I was told my grandson had died from the gunshot injuries. I'm yet to recover from Babalola's death. I would have preferred to die in his place."

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