

Seven killed as cultists strike Ogun communities

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Seven persons were killed yesterday when suspected cultists attacked Lagos and Ogun communities.

The incident occurred at 6 p.m at Igbosoro in Ikorodu, Lagos as well as Emuren and Fakale in Ogun State.

It was gathered that the gunmen, who went on the rampage shouting “Aye”, were suspected members of the Black Axe Confraternity.

They were said to be celebrating their annual 7/7 (July 7) anniversary, which symbolises their orientation.

While three people were reportedly killed at Igbosoro, a community near the Lagos State Polytechnic (LASPOTECH) campus, four others were shot at Fakale, a border community with Lagos.

It was gathered that every July 7, people around Ikorodu are usually scared of falling victims of rival cult clashes.

Although the names of the victims could not be ascertained, it was gathered that they were members of a rival cult groups.

An Ikorodu resident who hinted on the murders wondered why the cultists started killing people on the eve of 7/7.

“It is not 7/7 yet and these cultists have already gone on rampage in Ikorodu killing people. Every July 7 is a dangerous day to move around Ikorodu because of those Black Axe members,” he said.

Ogun police spokesman Muiyiwa Adejobi said: “I confirm that four persons were killed yesterday evening by gunmen at Fakale community who were shouting Aye! Aye! The DPO said they struck around 6pm and that he suspects some notorious boys around the area.

“Investigation into the matter has commenced and I can assure that the culprits will be fished out,” he said. Lagos Police Commissioner Fatai Owoseni said his command was on high alert

“No death was recorded in Lagos. There were issues but in the Ogun side. I was personally at Ikorodu this evening and patrols are ongoing. We got a report that the hoodlums were at a hotel, which we raided but it turned out to be a false alarm. We are on alert,” he said.