

Cultists on the rampage in Ijoko

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CULTISTS in Ijoko, a town in the Ifo Local Government Area of Ogun State, have started unleashing terror on the people of the locality.

The anti-social elements belong to Aaye and Eye, the secret societies in fierce rivalry for supremacy.

They began to perpetrate atrocities from the beginning of this year in retaliation for the killing and maltreatment of their members.

Almost every week, they go on the rampage maiming, killing and raping without being caught.

As a result of the serious crisis, people in the town live in fear, a situation disrupting social activities which were responsible for the bubbling nature of the area before.

Recently, a man was shot dead at a petrol station and the dreadful killing resulted in a stampede in which many sustained injuries.

Another man was some days ago clubbed to death on the Ijoko-Agbado road. His hands were cut off and taken away, a sign indicating the group responsible for the killing.

These deaths are just two examples of many dastardly killings, putting many families in pains and sorrow.

A community leader, who refused to give his name, and others attributed the ongoing nefarious activities to the bitter and senseless rivalry between the two cults and implored

the local, state and federal governments to swing into action in order to bring peace and life back to the community which was once an idyllic place.

An old man, who also declined to give his name, accused the police and leaders of the community of not making adequate efforts to solve the problem of cultism in the area.

He said: "The police and our leaders know these people, committing illegalities in our town. They move about freely. This is wrong. Something must be urgently done to put a stop to this madness".