

Three feared killed in renewed cult clash in Ijebu-Igbo

THREE people were feared killed yesterday in a renewed clash between cult groups in Ijebu-Igbo, Ogun State.

A source told *The Nation* that two were killed at Ojowo in Ijebu-Igbo, and another, simply identified as Owolabi, was hacked to death at station garage area, about 4 am.

Police spokesman Abimbola Oyeyemi, in a phone interview with *The Nation*, refuted the killings, saying only one was found dead with machete cuts.

From Ernest Nwokolo,
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It was gathered that before yesterday's incident, six people had been killed in cult clashes in the last five weeks.

In one of such killings in April, four persons, including an inspector, were hacked to death in a clash between a cult group and those suspected as

members of Oodua Peoples Congress (OPC).

The police have arraigned 34 at an Ijebu-Igbo Magistrates' Court in connection with last month's clash.

They include Dayo Ogunaiké, Demola Ogungbesan, Gbenga Odutayo, Sobanjo Damilola, Taofeek Ashiru, Abayoyomi Sarafa, Fatai

Adaramola, Kehinde Agba, Ogun Saheed, Rotimi Emmanuel.

The suspects were charged with conspiracy, murder, belonging to unlawful society, unlawful possession of arms, among others.

The suspects were remanded in prison pending hearing on June 6.

Civil Defence official found dead

AN Assistant Superintendent of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), Peter

From Osagie Otabor, Benin

sons.

An NSCDC official, who

might have died in his sleep.

He said: "The deceased slept and did not wake up. It was the police and our personnel