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## Suspected cultists 'kill' gas station manager

**R**ESIDENTS of Odogunyan, Odokekere, Agodo Segun and Odonla areas of Ikorodu, Lagos, have lamented the invasion of their communities by suspected cultists.

They allege that there have been resumed cult activities in the last three weeks, which have led to the death of a gas station manager identified as Kamarudeen Elegbede alias Oosa.

Elegbede, *The Nation* gathered, was whisked off his place of work by cultists, who accused him of rescuing a young man shot three weeks ago.

It was learnt that a resident of Odogunyan was shot in the leg during a gun battle between members of Aiye and Eiye cults.

### • Three arrested By Precious Igbonwelundu

Elegbede was said to have taken the gunshot victim to a place where he was treated and the bullet removed from his leg, which angered the cultists.

It was gathered that the hoodlums later came for him, killed him and dismembered his body before dumping the parts on the road.

A source said the cultists had made life unbearable for people in the communities since then, adding that they usually went from house to house robbing people.

He said: "I took my children to their grandmother at Odogunyan. When I later visited

her, she advised me to take them back home, saying the area was no longer safe.

"Although there had been cult clashes since January, peace returned after security agencies carried out patrols and operations.

"But in the three weeks, cultists have been unleashing terror on the people.

"They move from house to house robbing people. They demand money and valuables. They beat people up. They killed a philanthropist in the neighbourhood because he helped a young man, who was shot in the leg by the cultists.

"He took the victim where he was treated and the cultists went to the filling station where he worked, killed and cut him into pieces.

"Since then, people have been living in fear. The motorcycle park used to be active till midnight, but now once it is 8pm, everywhere is deserted.

"Churches have stopped organising vigils because people don't attend. The thing is affecting commercial and social activities. We appeal to the police and other security agencies to assist us. They should help us by arresting these cultists."

Police spokesman Chike Oti said it was a lie that cultists terrorised residents in that area.

He confirmed the murder of Elegbede, who he said was a vulcaniser, but worked as a night guard at the filling station.