

Three feared killed, properties razed in Lagos cult clash

THREE persons were yesterday feared killed, many injured and properties razed as suspected cultists went on rampage in Mushin, Lagos.

It was gathered that Eiye cultists on Monday night stormed Akingbode and Olateju areas of Mushin, torching houses, vehicles and looting shops to retaliate the shooting of their member in a bar at Ilupeju on Sunday.

A suspected Aiye cult member known was alleged to have opened fire at the bar while drunk, killing an Eiye cultists and leaving three others injured.

Angered by the shooting, the Eiye cult group, it was gathered, trailed the susoected killer to his Mushin neighbourhood on Monday morning where they attacked anyone on sight until they were dispersed by police operatives.

Not satisfied, the hoodlums were said to have returned around 11pm on Monday and torched about 60 vehicles, burnt houses and looted shops belonging to innocent traders.



• A scene of the destruction

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They were said to have fired sporadic gunshots into the air causing commotion that left many people fleeing the chaos injured.

To ensure they wreaked maximum havoc, the invaders, it was gathered, prevented firemen from accessing the area that night in order to put out the fire.

The Nation gathered that it took the intervention of police operatives from the Rapid Response Squad (RRS), Area D Command and Olosan Division, Mushin for fire fighters to be able to enter the affected areas to combat the fire.

A resident who refused to be named lamented the destruction on the street, wondering why the hoodlums did

not settle their differences when it began.

"The boys were fully armed. I see no reason why they should come to our street, they should have settled it at Ilupeju instead. We have incurred alot of debts.

Police spokesman Adekunle Ajisebutu said he was yet to get details of the incident and promised to revert.