

Shiite's attack claims 3 persons in Sokoto

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THREE persons were confirmed dead early yesterday in Sokoto following an attack by people suspected to be followers of the Shiite sect on some residents of Gidadawa quarters.

The state Police Command,

which acknowledged the incidence, could not say whether or not it was an episode of the lingering Shiite/Sunni conflict. It, however, confirmed that one person was arrested while investigation continued.

According to the state Commissioner of Police, Alhaji Shehu El-Othman, who spoke to newsmen, a group of people yesterday attacked some youths sleeping outside their premises. Subsequently, one

Aliyu Shehu was killed and injuries were inflicted on five others, he said.

El-Othman further explained that in a suspected related incidence late afternoon yesterday, officers of the Customs Service working at Amanawa village had stopped a red

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Honda Civic car for a routine search whereupon the occupants fled.

“On searching the vehicle, a fresh male corpse, machetes, gun powder and a jerry can of fuel were discovered, and around 5 pm yesterday when the corpse of Aliyu was being buried, another man, Hussaini Bello, seen video-taping the funeral, was instantly lynched by some unidentified persons,” he said.

The police commissioner, who stated that the situation has been brought under control by security agents, assured that the police would leave no stone unturned in arresting those involved in the incident and maintain law and order.