

The flooded Awolowo Way in Ikeja, Lagos, after a downpour on Tuesday. PHOTO: SYLVESTER OKORUWA.

Group laments killings in Ogwashi-Uku

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THE Ogwashi-Uku Youth Development Association (OYDA) has cried out over the renewed wave of secret cult killings in Ogwashi-Uku community in Delta State, as three persons were killed and others suffered

bullet injuries last week.

Some unidentified gunmen had, during a burial wake-keep at Azungwu quarters in the community, allegedly shot and killed two persons, leaving two others with bullet wounds.

Also, some persons allegedly armed with battle axes, attacked and killed

a final year student of the Delta State Polytechnic, Ogwashi-Uku in his family house in Agidiasei quarters in the community.

The President of OYDA, Port Harcourt branch, Mr. Jude Osume, told newsmen that the time had come for all families in the community to take their destinies in their hands and join forces in the communal effort to apprehend perpetrators of the crime.

"It is a sad story that we are here again. The crime of secret cult killings is an evil wind that blows nobody any good. As a community, the time has come for us to take our destinies in our hands and stamp out this criminality.

"Only last year, we came together as youths of Ogwashi-Uku and held a rally in protest of the

helplessness of our people in the face of cult-killings and rampant cases of kidnapping.

"But regrettably, the perpetrators of these evil crimes have refused to give peace a chance. As youths of the community, we have also resolved not to give up, until our community is cleansed of these crimes."

Osume called on parents and guardians in the community to monitor the associations of their children and wards, stressing that there was an urgent need to reorientate youths in the community on the evils of cultism.

The youth leader expressed disappointment that the police in the community have failed in their duty to put an end to the activities of cultists in the community, which he said have left the people in despair.

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late the farmers for their hard-work in the previous year. Despite unforeseen acts of nature that sometimes derail the best plans of a farmer with respect to productivity and output, they have defied the odds and delivered once again as always," he said.

According to him, agri-

culture plays a key role in the life of every Nigerian it contributes immensely to the economy through export thus generating foreign exchange.

He stated that the agricultural initiatives of the company were designed to encourage more Nigerians to practice agriculture.

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