

Father-of-one stabbed to death by suspected cultists

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A 25-year old man was over last weekend stabbed to death by suspected cult members at Igijo, a border community between Lagos and Ogun State.

The deceased, identified as Semiu Sanni, was allegedly walking along Omoleye Street, when the hoodlums pounced on him and stabbed him severally.

The attack has continued to create panic among residents of the Ikorodu community as shops remained under lock and key on Tuesday afternoon.

An elder brother to the deceased Semiu, Saheed Sanni, while speaking on the incident narrated that "On September 26, I was at home on that fateful Saturday when someone came to inform me that my brother had been stabbed to death at Omoleye Street."

He continued that "Immediately I was told about the incident, I went straight to my father's house to check if it was true that Semiu that had been killed."

The elder Sanni continued that "When I got there, I called the leader of the hoodlums who was identi-

fied as Sir Kay Phoenix and told him that his boys had murdered my brother and he promised to meet me at my father's house."

Saheed added that "We went on a protest to Ogijo Police station with his corpse. When we got there, the station was locked, none of the policemen at the station attended to us. We left the station and went to Olowu's house in the neighbourhood.

"My brother was not a cult member. What we are ask-

ing for is justice, because the deceased was a peace loving person in the community. We have deposited his remains at Olabisi Onabanjo University Teaching Hospital (OSUTH) Mortuary, Sagamu.

"It was the angry youths in the area that set Olowu's father's home ablaze.

The 23-year-old wife of the deceased, while speaking on her husband's death said. I don't know my husband would leave my daughter and I so soon."

She continued that "My daughter was just 41 days old on that fateful day. We were both in the room watching a movie at about 3pm, when he went out only for me to be told that he had been killed."

The image maker in charge of the Ogun State police command, Muyiwa Adejobi, while confirming the incident, said that the state police boss, Abdumajid Ali had directed that the hoodlums should be apprehended.

Thousands of mechanics to be trained

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THOUSANDS of auto technicians in Lagos have registered for Autofest which started Monday in Lagos.

Organisers of the Autofest officially announced the free training while answering questions during a media parley.

During the interactive session, Mr Gbola Oba, the COO of Automedics Limited, informed the audience about a partnership arrangement with two prominent mechanic associations in Lagos State to have their members trained in mechatronics and high-tech

21st century technologies in modern automobile.

"Members of the Nigeria Automobile Technicians Association of Nigeria (NATA) and Motor Mechanics and technical Association of Nigeria (MOMTAN) have both registered thousands of their members in Lagos for the training," he said.

Several automobile companies, franchise holders and auto assemblers are participating in the Autofest with their latest automotive products ranging from SUVs, sedans, trucks, motorbikes, spare parts, accessories, tyres and many other inno-

vative products during the one week show.

According to the Chief Executive Officer of the company, Kunle Shonaike, updating the knowledge of the mechanics through regular training is essential and crucial to the success of any auto brand and the automobile industry in general.

"This is also necessary to complement efforts of the Federal Government in restructuring the industry towards greater productivity and technological acquisition as enshrined in the National Automotive Policy document."