

Dad, mum, 2 kids, 3 others killed by *Badoo* gang in Ikorodu

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THE onslaught by members of the dreaded *Badoo* cult group in Ikorodu area of Lagos State has continued as seven people, including four members of a family of five, including the father, mother and two of their children were early Wednesday killed.

Aside the members of the same family, three other persons were killed in a similar manner at a compound at the back of Three Brothers Hotel also in White House area of Odongunyan, close to where the family members were killed.

The incident, which occurred at Aliyu Adesanya Street, Ayelala Olopomeji area of Odongunyan, created pandemonium in the town as angry residents protested to the palace of the Ayangburen of Ikorodu.

The *Badoo* cult mem-

Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps, operatives of the Department of State Services, Nigerian Army and members of the local vigilance group, popularly known as *Onyabo*, to pacify the crowd.

The police in the state

confirmed the incident and added that efforts were on to arrest the perpetrators of the act.

It was gathered that it all started early on Wednesday morning, when a neighbour of the family, simply identified as Baba

Chukwuemeka, who himself narrowly escaped death, raised the alarm.

The cult members also operated at three other houses close to that of the family members, where three other people were also killed with a grinding

stone.

Another resident of the area, Oyerinde, told *Metro* that "when Baba Chukwuemeka raised the alarm, people forced the door open and met Ikehi tied with copper wire.

"It was while they were

searching that they his family members. Their heads were smashed by the cult members. There was blood everywhere in their apartment.

"They operated at a house, where the family members were killed and Houses 10, 11 and 12, where Baba Chukwuemeka escaped with a member of the gang tempted to smash his head with a grinding stone."

The incident resulted in protests as residents of the area mobilised and stormed the palace of Ayangburen of Ikorodu, Oba Kabiru Shotobi, where they urged him to find a lasting solution to the menace of *Badoo* in Ikorodu.

The image-maker in charge of the state police command, Olarinde Mous-Cole, while speaking with *Metro* said the incident happened in Ikorodu and all hands are on deck to arrest the culprits.



An accident scene on Moshood Abiola Way, Ebute Metta, in Lagos State, on Wednesday. PHOTO: NAN