

One killed, 10 injured, 60 arrested as 2 rival cult groups clash in Anambra

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AT least one suspected cultist was reportedly killed while about 10 people sustained various degrees of injuries when two rival cult groups, Bagger and Ayees, had a bloody clash in Awka, the Anambra State capital, on Monday.

Trouble reportedly started when one of the two groups, Bagger Fraternity, stormed the family house of the Ayees' kingpin, Chukwujekwu Chinweuba, a.k.a Ajie, in Awka and shot him dead.

On arrival, they were said to have started shooting indiscriminately into the air to scare people before they made straight for the apartment where they shot him dead.

It was gathered that about 10 out of those people who were scampering for safety reportedly sustained various degrees of injury on hearing gunshots when the Bagger members arrived.

Sources hinted that the Bagger members were on a reprisal attack mission over alleged killing of their members by Ayees members within the past one month.

According to the sources,

the Bagger members, numbering about 20, stormed the house of the kingpin with guns, machetes and charms.

Confirming the incident when contacted, the Commander of the Special Anti-Cultism Squad (SPACS), of the Anambra State Police Command, Mr Christopher Bassey, said that out of about 60 suspects arrested, half had been released while those involved would be charged to court.

Bassey added that the Ayees' kingpin who was killed by Bagger Fraternity was a wanted cultist. According to him, the corpse had been deposited in a mortuary in Amaku Awka while investigation continued.

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2 brothers on trial for allegedly raping, duping undergraduate

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TWO brothers, Bright and Chijindu Nwachukwu, are facing trial before an Ikeja High Court for allegedly defrauding and raping an undergraduate (names withheld).

The incident happened on January 16 at 4, Odusanya Street, Ijaiye Ojokoro, a suburb of Lagos.

According to the victim, she was on her way to the University of Lagos when one of the

brothers approached her and asked for directions to a place in Yaba, which she told him that she did not know.

She added that after a few minutes, Bright walked up to her again and started telling her that she had a spiritual problem and that he knew someone who could help her.

"I didn't know how I boarded a bus with them and we proceeded to Ijaiye. When we got there, they took me to a warehouse and later showed me some liquid substance which one of them said was a chemical for "washing" money.

"They asked me how much I had on me and I told them that I had only small amount and my Automated Teller Machine (ATM) card with me.

"The brothers were later joined by another man whom they identified as the 'pastor' who would pray for me. One of the brothers and the pastor later left with my ATM.

"While waiting for them, I got a debit alert of N19,000 from my account," she said.

The victim recounted that while she waited for the others to return, Bright, who was left behind to guard her, requested that she had sex with him in order to release her from the spiritual problems she was going through.

She added that after Bright had sex with her, it now dawned on her that she had been scammed. She later found her way out of the warehouse and raised the alarm, leading to the arrest of the siblings.

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