

I killed rival cult member to avenge my brother's killing — Suspected cultist

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A suspected cultist, Niyi Adeshina, who was one of the suspects arrested by the Federal Special Anti-Robbery Squad (F-SARS) of the Ogun State Police Command, has confessed that he killed one Owolabi, an **Eiye** cult member, in revenge of the killing of his elder brother by members of the rival group.

Adeshina, arrested along with seven others, reportedly killed Owolabi on Wednesday, May 9, while the **Eiye** cult group also killed one **Aiye** member on May 11.

Speaking with the **Ni-**

"During investigation, it was discovered that Muyiwa Talabi and Niyi Adeshina, who are strong members of **Aiye** cult group, were the one ones who hacked the victim of Wednesday's clash to death, while their accomplice was also killed two days after as retaliation," Iiyasu said.

Recovered from the suspects were four pump-action guns, five locally-made pistols, 10 live cartridges, two laptops and charms.

Speaking with the **Nigerian Tribune**, Talabi said: "I am from Ijebu Igbo. I was initiated into **Aiye** Confraternity in 2014. The person who

campaign in Ijebu Igbo but we did not join them. During the campaign, a fight broke out between **Aiye** cult members on one side and members of **Eiye** cult group and Oodua People's Congress on the other side. But our member who fought with them did not tell us that he was called.

"When we got a call from the OPC members that our members clashed with them, we apologized.

"We were in a place relaxing when the campaign group approached us, accompanied by OPC and **Eiye** cult members. They clashed with us and a fight

an **Aiye** member and an OPC member, killing them. Another **Aiye** member was injured and one of his fingers was cut and taken away, but he did not die.

"One Tunde, an OPC member, had a clash with me and wanted to shoot me, but I collected the gun from him.

"As we wanted to enter into Ijebu Igbo town, **Eiye** and cult members started threatening us.

"On another day that we decided to go to the town, I was on a motorcycle with Niyi, an **Aiye** member who was holding the gun I collected from Tunde. As we entered into the neighbour-

in the gun."

Another suspect, Adeshina, said: "I am a member of **Aiye** Confraternity. I joined in 2017. I was the one who killed Owolabi."

Adeshina, who had an inscription 'School Daddy' tattooed on his body, said it was the appellation given to his elder brother who was also a member of the **Aiye** cult group before he was killed in a clash.

We only dupe greedy people — Suspect

OLALEKAN OLABULO - LAGOS

A female member of a

"One of those who killed my brother was Owolabi and I killed him to revenge my brother's death," the suspect said.

He also had 'N-Kuti' tattooed on his arm, and gave the interpretation to be 'Niyi' that cannot be easily killed.

The police commissioner stated that the suspects would be arraigned in court at the conclusion of investigation.

her group.

The suspect, Susan Pama, who was arrested by the on-

Speaking with the *Nigerian Tribune* on the arrest of the suspects, the state Commissioner of Police, Ahmed Iliyasu, said that **Aiye** and **Eiye** cult groups still went after one another after 34 of them were arrested and arraigned in court as a result of the killing of a police Inspector during a clash in April.

He said that a member from each cult group was killed during the renewed confrontation in May.

He gave the names of the suspects as Muyiwa Talabi, Niy Adeshina, Korede Pariosho, Dayo Johnson, Segun Saka, Michael Oluwasegun and Afolabi Ismail.

"Operatives of the F-SARS, led by their commander, Uba Adams, were detailed to arrest the situation and bring perpetrators of the evil act to justice. The suspects were picked from their hide-outs as they were holding a meeting in preparation for another clash.

nity in 2014. The person who initiated me into cultism has been killed. His name was Jagu.

"There was an election

clashed with us and a fight broke out.

"As we were chasing ourselves round the town, an OPC man, Fighter, shot at

entered into the neighbourhood of an **Eiye** cult member, Niyi shot and killed him, though I was the one who gave him the cartridge he put

A female member of a fraud syndicate which specialised in swindling people has insisted that only greedy victims patronized

The suspect, Susan Fana, who was arrested by the operatives of the Lagos State Police Command, said that "we are 419ners (fraudsters). We dupe only those who are greedy."

Also arrested alongside the female suspect were Chukwuma Okoli and Oloye, who were described as the two arrowheads of the gang.

The police in the state confirmed the arrest of the suspects and added that they would be arraigned in court as soon as investigations were concluded on their case.

Susan, while speaking with the *Nigerian Tribune*, said "We are fraudsters. We are not thieves. We target only those who are greedy."

The suspect also added that "some people want blood money and we take advantage of them to extort money from them.

"I go out and target those who are greedy and those who do not want to work and want to become millionaire overnight. They are



Niyi Adeshina (second left), Muiyiwa Talabi (third left) and other suspected cultists being shown to journalists by the Ogun State Commissioner of Police, Ahmed Iliyasu

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