

Two die, others injured as cultists clash in Ikorodu again

TWO persons were reportedly killed while others sustained various degrees of injuries in a clash between two rival cult groups in a supremacy battle at Baiyeku, Ikorodu area of Lagos State, the **News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)** has reported.

Members of the cult

groups, Aiye and Eiye fraternities, were said to have engaged each other in a battle at Awobo and Shelewu areas of Igbogbo-Baiyeku, Ikorodu.

NAN reported that the clash, which caused commotion in the areas, was later put under control by operatives of the 63 Police Mobile Force (PMF) in Igbogbo-Bai-

yeku.

The traditional ruler of Baiyeku, Chief Saheed Aleje, said that the fracas started on Wednesday evening.

Chief Aleje said that one person was killed at Awobo Estate, while the second person, a tipper driver, was killed at Shelewu area.

"After hearing about the incident, I quickly mobilised

people in the community and informed the security agencies, the police, members of vigilance group and the locals, *Onyabo*, to come to the rescue.

"Since the boys started their fracas, we discovered that two persons have been killed, while others sustained various degrees of injuries," Aleje said.

Another resident of the area, Mr Nurudeen Shonubi, said that if one fraternity lost a member, the opposite fraternity would want to retaliate the killing.

He urged the residents and community leaders to synergise with the security agencies by providing useful information to them to get rid of the menace of cultism.

Confirming the incident, the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), CSP Chike Oti, said that the cult groups took advantage of a traditional festival going on

at Igbogbo-Baiyeku to unleash their mayhem.

Oti said that police quickly responded and arrested six suspects, who had been taken to the state CID in Panti, Yaba for further investigations.

He said: "The hoodlums took advantage of the traditional festival going on at Baiyeku, which led to the cult clash.

"Six people have been arrested and taken to Panti, while further investigation is ongoing on the matter," Oti said.

