SS1 student killed, two policemen injured during raid on kidnappers, cultists den

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AN 18-year-old senior secondary school girl was killed while two policemen were injured as policemen raided suspected black spots at Adamo area of Ikorodu in Lagos State.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Bala Elkana, confirmed the incident to the Nigerian Tribune and added that three suspects had been arrested in connection with the incident.

The police spokesperson gave the names of the arrested suspects as Daniel Enyin, Olaniyan Aliu and Ahmed Hassan, describing them as cult members.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that the teenager, Hadiyat Sikiru, was hit by stray bullets from policemen who were chasing suspected criminals.

The death of the student created protest from hood-lums and youths in the area, as they mobilised and attacked the policemen.

Not done with the attack on the police, the hoodlums also marched to Imota police station and attempted to set the place ablaze, but were prevented by armed policemen.

Elkana, in a statement signed by him and made available to the Nigerian Tribune, said: "A team of policemen on surveillance at Adama community, Ikorodu, raided a den of cultists who specialised in ritual murder and kidnapping for ritual purposes.

"On sighting the po-

lice, they opened fire and equally used some of their hostages as human shields.

"During the operation that lasted for about one hour, two policemen were injured and three suspects were arrested, namely: Ahmed Hassan, Daniel Enyin and Olaniran Alium.

The Lagos police imagemaker also stated: "An attempt by other members of the deadly gang to attack our police station at Imota was met with stiff resistance by the policemen on duty."

The PPRO said that the state Commissioner of Police, Zubairu Muazu, had directed the Deputy Commissioner of Police in Charge of Criminal Investigation, Panti, to take over the case.

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