

Cult leader, 8 others arrested for allegedly killing 30-yr-old man in Lagos

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THE leader of a cult group, Aiye Confraternity that had been terrorising residents of Ikorodu area of Lagos State in the last couple of weeks has been arrested by men of the Lagos State police command.

Eight other members of the group that had made life

miserable for residents of Agbowo, Ijede, Owutu, Ipakodo and Owode-Onirin were also nabbed by the police.

The arrested cult members are reportedly responsible for the death of 30-year-old David Nwanga, who was killed last Wednesday during a clash at Adamo area of Ikorodu.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Bala Elkana, while confirming the

arrest of the suspects in a statement signed by him on Sunday and made available to the *Nigerian Tribune*, said the police were already on the trail of other suspected members of the gang.

Elkana said: "The Special Strike Force on Social Miscreants arrested a deadly Aiye Confraternity kingpin, Sikiru (surname withheld) and eight members of his gang in

Ikorodu and recovered one double-barreled gun from them."

Elkana added that "the state Commissioner of Police, Hakeem Odumosu, has deployed a Special Strike Force on Social Miscreants to Ikorodu to sustain the ongoing onslaught on cultists and other social miscreants in Ikorodu, Imota, Agbowo, Owutu, Ijede, Ipakodo and

Owode Onirin.

"The operation, which is intelligence driven, has recorded another remarkable achievement with the arrest of Sikiru (24) at Imota."

Elkana said the ages of the other suspects ranged from 18 to 30 years.

"The gang is responsible for series of violent attacks and gang violence in Imota and environs. One of such violent at-

tacks happened on February 17 at about 8:30 a.m., which resulted in the death of one David Nwanga from Araro Adamo area."

The suspects were handed over to the homicide section of the State Criminal Investigation Department (CID) for discreet investigation.

Elkana assured that the suspects would be charged upon conclusion of investigation into their alleged crimes.

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