

3 killed in Lagos cult war

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THREE persons suspected to be cult members have been killed as hoodlums who belong to factional cult groups clashed in the Coker Aguda area of Lagos State.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that the cult clash started on Saturday, when the leader of one of the cult groups in the area reportedly shot dead a rival member, simply identified as Tunde.

Suspected members of the deceased's group went on the rampage on Sunday in what was said to be a reprisal.

A resident of the area, who identified himself as Eluku, while speaking to *Nigerian Tribune*, said Eiye and Aiye cult groups "have for some time now been at battle for supremacy in this area."

He also said "they are members of the different transport unions in this area and they use every opportunity to fight and kill one another."

According to him, "the latest clash started on Saturday, when the leader of the Aiye group, Muleru reportedly shot a member of the Eiye group."

The resident also added that "Tunde's members reportedly came today and attacked Muleru and his boys where they had gathered to celebrate the killing of their rival.

"Muleru and another unidentified member of his gang were reportedly shot dead on Sunday morning by members of Eiye cult group, who were mobilised to the area."

Another resident of the area who pleaded anonymity, said "residents of Akin-yele, Enitan Willy Omoniyi were forced to stay indoors as the cult groups went on the rampage."

The resident called on the state commissioner of police to deploy squads in the area, saying that "the police in this area cannot handle the cult groups."

When contacted, the image maker in charge of the state police command, Muyiwa Adejobi, said he was yet to be briefed on the incident.

Adejobi, however, promised to find out and get back to our correspondent, but had not as of the time of filing this report.

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