

# Cult clash claims 3 in Lagos

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NO fewer than three persons have been killed as rival cult groups clashed in the Dalemo area of Lagos.

However, 19 persons suspected to be members of the warring groups, Eiye and Aiye, have also been arrested by the police in the state.

The **Nigerian Tribune** gathered that trouble started last Saturday, when one of the leaders of the Eiye group was killed around Dalemo in Lagos.

It was further gathered that the news of the death of the cult leader sparked off violence from members of the Eiye cult group.

However, the members of the Eiye group reportedly went on rampage and used the opportunity to rob innocent and unsuspecting residents of the area.

A resident of the area, one Ademola said, "many students did not go to school today because of the apprehension that the groups may clash again."

"It actually started on Friday when one of the cult leaders was killed and members of his group in a bid to avenge his death, went on rampage."

"They invaded the street with dangerous weapons in search of their rivals and they took that opportunity to rob innocent residents and loot shops."

He also stated that "they did not even care of the presence of policemen at the Alakuko division which is just a stone's throw away from here. They shot and

created panic in the area."

It was gathered that apart from the cult leader, two others were feared killed in reprisal from the two groups.

The image maker in charge of the state police command, Muyiwa Adejobi, confirmed the clash between the two groups and added that 19 suspects had been arrested.

Adejobi said that the Lagos State police boss "confirmed the arrest of 19 suspected cultists during the crisis. Items recovered from them include weapons, assorted charms and weeds suspected to be Indian hemp."

He added that "the Commissioner of Police, Hakeem Odumou, set the record straight that the intelligence at the command's disposal revealed that the hoodlums came from Otta axis of Ogun State to lay siege on the affected border communities on cult related- crisis and the command has been repelling them."

Adejobi confirmed that "The command has deployed additional police personnel, including Police Mobile Force, to curtail the hoodlums."

Odumosu, however, called on community leaders in the areas to support the police in combating the crisis and getting rid of the bad boys and their antics in their respective areas.

He assured that the command is working with the Ogun State Police Command to decimate the activities of the hoodlums and cultists.