

Police kill armed robbers, nab cult group leader in Lagos

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THE leader of a cult group Aiye confraternity in Bariga area of Lagos State, Segun Ezekiel, has been arrested by the police for allegedly killing the leader of rival cult group, Eiye confraternity.

The Police Public Relation Officer in charge of the state police command, Muyiwa Adejobi, confirmed the arrest of the cult leader to *Sunday Tribune* who added that the police in the state also successfully foiled a robbery operation, killing two suspected armed robbers, and also recovered ammunitions.

Adejobi in a statement on Saturday said, "the police operatives attached to Bariga Division of the Lagos State

Police Command had arrested one Segun Ezekiel, m, 24, leader of Aiye Confraternity in Bariga Area, on March 31, for allegedly killing Taye Gbalagbala, m, 30, the alleged leader of the Eiye Confraternity in Bariga, on March 28."

"The suspect had been alleged to be a notorious cult leader and killer who had been terrorising the entire Bariga Area of the state."

Adejobi also stated that "he confessed to the crime claiming that he carried out the gruesome murder of the deceased in company of other three members of the Aiye confraternity in his domain."

The Commissioner of Police, Lagos State, Hakeem Odumosu, ordered that the suspect be transferred to the state criminal investigation department for proper in-

vestigation and possible arrest of other fleeing culprits.

"In another development, the police operatives attached to Ikorodu Division and the local security operatives, in a combined operation, on March 29, at about 4.50am, engaged some suspected armed robbers that were operating in military camouflage at No 41, Menulo Street, off Elepe Ikorodu, in a gun battle," the police PRO also added.

He noted that "the suspected armed robbers had laid a siege to the block of flats at the above address, cut the American fence wire and broke into the flats in the compound. They robbed the occupants of their belongings including laptops, phones, one PS-4, gold necklaces and wrist watches worth millions of naira."

The Public Relations Officer attached to Ikorodu division also said that "after the gun duel, the team assessed the scene and discovered that two of the suspected armed robbers were fatally injured and eventually gave up the ghost. Their corpses have been deposited at a public morgue for further actions."

The Commissioner of police commended the policemen and vigilantes for their gallantry and zeal to engage the suspected armed robbers and neutralise their operations in the area. He has ordered that the Divisional Police Officer of Ikorodu Division and the Area Commander, Area N, Ijede-Ikorodu, to fish out other members of the syndicate and those who venture into similar criminal acts of burglary in the entire Ikorodu Division of Lagos State.