

Seven killed in one week as cultists clash in Ogun

·Kill 19-year-old student at Seme

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ABOUT seven persons have lost their lives in the last one week in Abeokuta, the Ogun State capital, as a result of cult clashes between Eiye and Aiye confraternities.

Members of the two rival groups had been engaging themselves in different parts of the state capital over supremacy battle.

Nigerian Tribune recalled that one Tommy was killed on Thursday night at Panseke area of the town, which created tension within and around the area.

The state governor, Prince

Dapo Abiodun, last Friday, gave a marching order that the police and other security agencies should ensure the safety of lives of the people and bring those behind disturbances in the town to book.

It was gathered that six different individuals had been killed prior to the death of the said Tommy.

The killings were reported to have taken place at relaxation joints at Asero, Kugba, Ikereku, Panseke, Adigbe, Oke Ijeun and Isale Abetu, all within Abeokuta metropolis.

The state's Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Abimbola Oyeyemi, confirmed that there were

killings in the state within the last week, adding that some suspects had been arrested in connection with the killings.

He said the command had resolved to go after landlords who harbour cultists in the state.

Another bloody clash between suspected rival cult groups at Seme border had resulted in the death of a 19-year-old boy, Lateef Agboola, the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) has reported.

Sources told NAN that Agboola, a student of Sito Grammar School, was hacked several times before being shot at close range on Friday at Zongo

area of Seme border near Badagry, Lagos State.

NAN also gathered that the deceased, who allegedly belonged to Eiye Confraternity, was killed following reprisal between rival suspected cultists.

The source said that the past few weeks had witnessed resurgence of clashes between two rivalry cult gangs, Eiye and Aiye confraternities in the area.

"This led to the killing of one Umar Isah and subsequent arrest of Adam Sule-Ayeni, a member of Aiye Confraternity who was suspected to have masterminded the killing of Isah, by the Police in Seme."