

17-year-old suspected cultist confesses to killing rival in Oyo

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A 17-year-old suspected cultist (name withheld) has confessed to killing a member of a rival cult group at Iseke area in Oyo West Local Government Area of Oyo State.

The suspect was paraded alongside three others for various criminal offences including murder and armed robbery at the Oyo State police command, Eleyele, Ibadan, on Thursday.

Speaking through the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Adewale Osifeso, the Commissioner of Police, Adebowale Williams, said the suspect and other members of his gang attacked the victim with

dangerous objects until he gave up the ghost.

The suspect and others at large, according to the police report, belong to a notorious cult group, Aiye confraternity, and had been unleashing mayhem on unsuspecting members of the public in Oyo town.

The police report reads: "On March 6 at about 11:20a.m, a distress call was received at the Monitoring Unit office, Oyo operational base, Durbur, that some notorious hoodlums were unleashing mayhem on unsuspecting members of the public in Oyo town.

"It was learnt that the cultists invaded Iseke area, where they attacked one Olanilekan Ajakaye, and

also dispossessed him of his mobile phones and some amount of money.

"Following the distress call, a team of police operatives attached to the command's Monitoring Unit moved swiftly to the scene and as soon as the hoodlums sighted them, they abandoned the victim in the pool of his blood and fled.

"The victim was quickly rushed to the State Hospital in Oyo town where he later gave up the ghost.

"The medical team that attended to him confirmed that he died as a result of the severity of the attack on him, and in furtherance of painstaking investigations launched by police operatives, two of the as-

sailants (names withheld) were arrested in connection with the crime.

"Upon interrogation, the suspects voluntarily confessed to the crime and gave details of how the crime was carried out.

"Items recovered from the suspects include an axe, two pieces of planks with blood stains used to attack the victim and a viral video footage capturing the attack."

In another development, the police have arrested two suspects in connection with the increasing spate of killings and armed robbery in Oyo town.

The suspects were alleged to be responsible for the death of one Jimoh Akeem at Oyo town.