

Cult clashes claim three in Kwara

Police arrest four over killing of 53-year-old businesswoman

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THREE persons have been killed in attacks by members of rival cult groups in some areas of Ilorin, the Kwara State capital.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that the areas, Idi-Ape, Gambari, Babooko and Surulere, have witnessed cult clashes in past few days.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Okasanmi Ajayi, who confirmed the development, assured that the command is doing all within its powers to put a stop to recent cult

activities in the state.

Ajayi said: "To this end, the command has commenced aggressive raids of black spots, stop-and-search and a total clampdown on motorcycles and tricycles operating outside the time permitted by the law, which is between 9:00p.m. and 6:00a.m. daily."

This is just as the corpse of an unidentified man was found with his head cut off under the bridge of Ejiba Street, off Taiwo Road in Ilorin West Local Government Area of state on Monday.

It was reported that res-

idents were thrown into a state of shock as they woke up to the sight of the corpse, whose head and complete neck were cut off.

Speaking in an interview, a resident of the area, Sulyman Babatunde Gegele, described the development as a threat to the community, saying the community had informed the 'B' Division police station, whose officers evacuated the body and deposited it at a mortuary.

In another development, a 53-year-old businesswoman, identified as Alabi

Sikirat Titilope, of Agbeku community, Agunji district in Ifelodun Local Government Area of Kwara State has been slaughtered by unidentified gunmen.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that the hoodlums who killed the business woman also carted away her motorcycle.

It was also gathered that the businesswoman was attacked and murdered at midnight on Sunday in her home at Agbeku, shortly after her arrival from a business trip to Ilorin.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO),

Okasanmi Ajayi, who confirmed the incident, said some suspects had been arrested in connection with the development.

The PPRO said "on September 3, at about 8:30a.m, one Alabi Sakirat (female) of Ile Idi-Ajagun, Agbeku via Igbaja town, reported at Igbaja police station on the same date that she went to her mother's house, one Alabi Sikirat Titilope (53) and met her in her pool of blood, already slaughtered by the neck by unknown or known persons.

"Some suspects have

already been arrested and helping the command in its investigation."

Also speaking, the traditional ruler of the town, Oba Abdulazeez Shola Agboola, confirmed that four suspects were in police custody in connection with the incident.

He lamented that the incident was the first of its kind in the history of the community, adding that "all members of the community, in collaboration with the police, have resolved to fish out the masterminds of the dastardly act and bring them to justice."