

Cultists on the rampage in Ikenne, Sagamu

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NO fewer than 14 persons have been arrested over clashes which involved suspected members of rival cult groups in Sagamu and Ikenne, Ogun State, on Sunday and Monday.

Eyewitnesses said six persons were seriously injured in the clash that broke out when cultists disagreed over the formula for sharing money given to them by some businessmen in Sagamu.

The eyewitnesses further said three people, including two suspected cultists, died in the clash that started in

Sagamu on Sunday and spread to Ikenne on Monday.

The clash hindered the free flow of traffic at Isokun area of Sagamu.

Members of one of the groups were said to have sought the assistance of a vigilance group in the town.

In the free-for-all that occurred, dangerous weapons such as cutlasses, guns and clubs were used by the cult members.

At 3am on Monday, the cultists invaded Kajola area of Ikenne and kidnapped a man simply identified as Yomi.

When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer, Ogun State Command, Mr.

Olufemi Awoyale, confirmed the clash.

He, however, said nobody died during the clash, adding that 14 persons had been arrested over the incident.

Awoyale said, "For now, no death has been recorded. Those arrested have been charged to court."

It will be recalled that cultists invaded the Abusi Edumare, Ijebu-Igbo annex of the Olabisi Onabanjo University about two weeks ago.

One student and a lecturer was killed during the attack. The remains of the lecturer, who was abducted, were later found behind Popoola Hospital, Ijebu-Igbo.