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Two arrested for tearing PDP's posters

THE police in Lagos have arrested two men for allegedly tearing campaign posters and defacing the banners of the state's governorship candidate of the Peoples Democratic Party, Jimi Agbaje.

The suspects, Fisayo Olomojobi, 29,

and Toheeb Okanlawon, 31, were said to have committed the act on Osborne Road in the Ikoyi area around 2am.

They were arraigned before an Ebute Meta Magistrate's Court on counts bordering on unlawful damage and conduct likely to cause breach of the

peace.

While Okanlawon was arraigned on two counts, his accomplice was arraigned on three counts.

The charges read in part, "That you, Toheeb Okanlawon of Ewans Street, Lagos, in the Lagos State Magisterial

District, did conduct yourself in a manner likely to cause the breach of the peace.

"That you, Fisayo Olomojobi, did unlawfully damage the PDP poster and banners by using paint to deface the governorship candidate's banners."

The police prosecutor, Iyobosa Onaiwu, said the offences were

punishable under sections 337 and 106 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, Nigeria, 2011.

They pleaded not guilty to the offences.

The magistrate, F.J. Adefioye admitted them to bail in the sum of N100,000 and adjourned the matter till April 20, 2015.

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Afeez Hanafi

SOME gunmen, said to be cult members, have created panic in Shitta, Surulere, Lagos State, after unleashing terror on the residents.

The assailants, numbering five, reportedly stormed the neighbourhood in two jeeps and started shooting sporadically.

One Ete Williams was said to have been killed in the incident, while two others, identified as Danglish and Sir Feti, were injured by stray bullets.

PUNCH Metro learnt that the deceased was a member of Eiye confraternity, while his killers belonged to Aiye - a rival cult group.

It was gathered that the attack affected trading activities in the area, as some traders lost their wares while scampering for safety.

A resident, Azeez Aregbesola, said Williams was killed at a drinking joint called Medube where hoodlums and smokers reportedly converged on. He added that the police had been constantly raiding the joint.

Aregbesola said, "They (the gang) stormed here around 8pm on Thursday. We all ran helter-skelter. All of them wore black dress. They started shooting at the roundabout and headed for Medube, where Ete (Williams) was shot in the head. The police later came after the gang had left."

A trader, Mrs. Mariam Salako, said Danglish and

Gunmen invade community, kill cult member



•Shitta area

Sir Feti were rushed to the Lagos University Teaching Hospital.

She said, "Stray bullets hit people in the legs. It was later in the evening that I went back to pack my peppers."

Another resident, Niya Ismail, said if not for the police that curtailed criminal acts in the community, they would still be living in fear. He, however, cautioned them against frustrating innocent people.

He said, "It was Taj, Area C Commander, who assisted us to clear Medube. It used to be a dreadful place before. But the police have recently started harassing people. Once it is 8pm, they will start arresting anybody on the street, whereas some people will be returning from their places of work. They collect at least N5,000 before they release those they arrest. A friend of mine spent two days in the police station because he could not pay. They do the

same at Ojuelegba."

Uzor Chinedu, a pop corn seller on Adebola Street, Surulere, said the police destroyed his glass in one of their raids.

Taofeeq Kolapo, who resides on Makinde Street, Ojuelegba, said Taj and his team would raid the area at 7pm and smash traders' wares.

He said, "By 8pm, everybody will be running helter-skelter, shouting 'Taju n'bo (Taju is coming)'. They are used to the bail fee they collect and at times, they raid as early as 7pm."

Photo: Afeez Hanafi

the claims that police were harassing traders and residents of the community.

He said, "Some masked men believed to be cultists went to the area and shot sporadically."

"One Ete Williams was killed, while six shells were recovered by the police from the scene of the incident."

"The Lagos State Command has zero tolerance for cultism."

"We raid on intelligence reports."

"Whoever is arrested must have been unable to identify himself. If we arrest