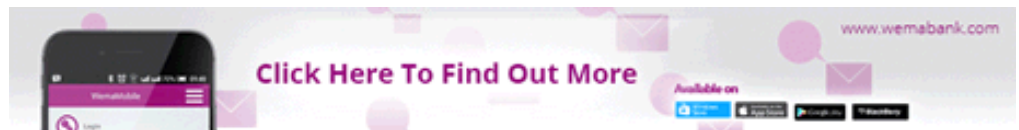


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Policemen at the scene

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Three suspected members of rival cult groups were reportedly slaughtered in the Elegba and Ago-Odo areas of Abeokuta North Local Government Area, Ogun State after the groups clashed on Monday.

The cults groups were identified as the Aiye and Eiye confraternities.

One of the victims, Ibrahim Alamutu, was said to be the leader of the Eiye Confraternity.

It was gathered that Alamutu, aka, *Emir*, had his wedding introduction on Sunday. He was slaughtered around Elegba Roundabout.

In a reprisal, scores of members of the Eiye Confraternity members were said to have invaded Ago Odo, and equally slaughtered two members of the Aiye Confraternity, whose names had yet to be ascertained.

Three houses and one car were razed, while some vehicles were vandalised in the area.

One of the policemen at the scene said the victims had their throat slashed, while their wrists were cut off.

Our correspondent gathered that the killings might not be unconnected with the fracas which started at a drinking joint inside the MKO Abiola International Stadium, Kuto, Abeokuta on Friday.

The cult groups were said to have engaged themselves in a free for all, which made night crawlers in the stadium to scamper for safety.

Security operatives, including men of the Department of State Security, Special Anti- Robbery Squad, and scores of policemen were led to the scene by the Abeokuta Area Commander, Presley Dodeh, and the Divisional Police Officer of Adatan Police Station, Ogunjobi Tolani.

The operatives, who drove into the scene in 14 vans and an Armoured Personnel Carrier, later raided a house believed to belong to a kingpin of the Aye and a member of Oodua Peoples Congress, Najimu Sodolamu.

Najimu aged father, Musibau Sodolamu, one of his wives, identified as Iya Azeez, and an unidentified woman were arrested.

A resident, Lateef Koleoso, whose vehicle was damaged, said, the cult members had earlier stormed the area on Sunday, damaging property.

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The State Police Public Relations Officer, Muyiwa Adejobi, confirmed the incident, but said only one cult member, Ibrahim Alamutu, was killed.

He said 33 suspects had been arrested by the police.

He said, "The command is aware of a clash between some suspected groups of cultists. We moved to the place and found a lifeless body of one 32-year-old Alamutu that was killed."

He said the corpse has been taken to the mortuary.

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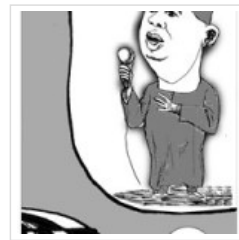


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