

Even though the security agency had published a watch list of crime-prone areas, the residents stated that 10 places in Lagos required more police protection and surveillance.

Most of the 10 hotbeds of crimes identified by the residents can be found within the state's mainland.

Below is *SUNDAY PUNCH*'s compilation of the top 10 crime spots in Lagos.

Anibaba and Itu Nla (Ikorodu)

In terms of notoriety in the most accomplished American gangster fashion, residents told our correspondent that Ikorodu would be considered as the most infamous area in Lagos State.

Ikorodu, an area located in the north-east of Lagos, close to the Lagoon and shares boundary with Ogun State, has become a vulnerable spot for rapists and kidnappers to thrive. But two areas stand out in Ikorodu: Anibaba and Itu Nla.

These two areas in Ikorodu are notorious for fatal cult clashes. Gunmen suspected to be cultists, in what residents describe as supremacy battles, invade the communities at will and shoot dead their rivals, sometimes innocent residents are caught in the crossfire.

In the last two weeks, according to reports, at least five people were killed following a clash between rival cult groups in Anibaba.

Among the deceased was a 29-year-old job-seeker, Kehinde Omotayo, a fresh graduate of a university in Lagos State.

In one of the attacks, four cultists invaded the area, riding on motorcycles and shot randomly at people in their shops.

A septuagenarian, Mrs. Gbemisola Mumini and her four-year-old granddaughter, Timofe, were hit by bullets in the neck and leg respectively.

Ojelade and Oju Irin (Mushin)

Mushin's notoriety dates back to the 1980s and residents told *SUNDAY PUNCH* that the area has not changed for the better as it is considered one of the top ten hotbeds of violence in Lagos.