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Suspected members of *Badoo* cult moved from their Ikorodu base on Tuesday, attacking two churches in Owode Onirin.

Two babies and a woman were killed in the latest attack.

This is just as five residents were crushed to death by a car in Isiwu, Ikorodu, while trying to administer jungle justice on a suspected *Badoo* member.

In Owode Onirin, the cult members were said to have attacked two orthodox churches – Cherubim and Seraphim Church, Crystal Church of Christ parish; and Celestial Church of Christ, Orisun Ayomi parish – both on Anibaba Street, Weigh Bridge, Owode Onirin.

*PUNCH Metro* learnt that in the C&S church, the assailants killed a woman, identified simply as Iya Dabira and her nine-month-old baby, Dabira. A one year-old boy, Ayomide, was killed as well.

Ayomide's mother, who was also attacked, was said to be in a critical condition at the General Hospital, Ikorodu.

It was gathered that the victims had attended a vigil at the church. They were said to have slept off in the church after the prayer ended at 2am.

The hoodlums reportedly scaled the church's fence, which bordered an uncompleted building and entered the house of God, smashing a big stone on the heads of the four victims.

A member of the church, Tayo Moses, said Dabira died on the spot.

"The three others were admitted to the general hospital. Dabira's mother and Ayomide have been confirmed dead. The only survivor is still unconscious," he added.

Our correspondent learnt that the pastor in charge of the parish, Pastor Rotimi Ajidara, who lived in one of the apartments on the premises, became aware of the incident around 6am and alerted other residents.

Our correspondent, who went round Ajidara's church, observed footprints of the suspects on the fence and on the wet ground at the back of the fence.

A resident, Mrs. Tolulope Adelaja, said she participated in the vigil, adding that she retired to her apartment when the prayer ended around 2am.

"Around 6am, the pastor alerted me to the incident. We took the victims in my car to Elam Hospital. A doctor at the hospital confirmed Dabira dead and referred others to the general hospital. It was a special vigil and the congregation was few," she added.

Another resident, Oluwadare Anibaba, noted that members found a stone beside the victims, adding that policemen from the Owode Onirin division took away the stone.

"When the pastor alerted us, we rushed to the church and met the victims in a pool of blood," he added.

The pastor in charge of the second church attacked by the gang, Prophet Taiwo Adesanya, said the invaders stole some members' property.