

One dies in Lagos cults' clash

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The Lagos State Police Command has said one person was killed in the Imota, Ikorodu area of Lagos during a cult clash on Saturday.

SUNDAY PUNCH gathered that the clash was between members of the Aye and Eiye cult groups who engaged in a supremacy battle in the area.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Olarinde Famous-Cole, told our correspondent that 14 suspected members of the cult groups were arrested in connection to the crime.

Farinde-Cole said the suspects were in the custody of the state anti-cultism unit of the command, adding that further investigations were ongoing.

He said, "Some of the cult members, who were initially arrested and charged to court, decided to retaliate. In line with its war against cultism in the state, 14 cult members involved in rivalry in Imota, Ikorodu area of Lagos have been arrested in connection with the crime. One person was killed. His identity has yet to be confirmed. The corpse has been taken to the morgue."

Joshua beats Takam, retains heavyweight title

Nigerian-born Anthony Joshua retained his IBF world heavyweight title on Saturday night in London when Carlos Takam became the 20th fighter to lose to the Brit in a professional bout.

Takam, a Cameroonian, who had won 35 of his 40 fights before facing Joshua, bloodied the nose of his opponent in round two but he did so with his head, rather than his hands, the *Daily Mail* reports.

Both fighters were bleeding in the fourth when Takam went down but he battled on bravely despite a cut to eye. The Cameroonian almost lasted 10 rounds before referee Phil Edwards stopped the fight with Joshua on the verge of a knockout.