

Command nabs suspected cultists for killing three

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Divisional Police Officer, Satellite Town Police Division, CSP Chike Oti

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Operatives of the Lagos State Police Command have arrested a suspected cultist, Ibrahim Abdullahi, who had been on the run, for alleged involvement in the killing of three residents of Satellite Town.

The state's Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Bala Elkana, said in a statement on Sunday that the Divisional Police Officer, Satellite Town Police Division, CSP Chike Oti, led the personnel to arrest Abdullahi and his accomplice, Obinna Okey, 23, at their hideout in the Ijegan-Egba area of the state.

Elkana stated that the Commissioner of Police, Zubairu Mu'azu, had charged area commanders, divisional police officers and tactical unit commanders in the state to clamp down on the activities of members of unlawful societies.

He said, "A notorious cultist, Ibrahim Abdullahi, aka Tiny, whose name sends shivers down the spines of residents of Satellite Town, Lagos, was arrested around 12.30am on March 23, 2019, at his

hideout in the Ijegun-Egba area of the town during an operation led by the Divisional Police Officer of Satellite Town Division, CSP Chike Oti, to rid the community of the violent activities of criminals.

“It will be recalled that the Commissioner of Police, Lagos State, Zubairu Mu’azu, had earlier in the week charged area commanders, DPOs and tactical unit commanders in the state to clamp down on the activities of members of unlawful societies and raid all identified criminal enclaves.

“Based on this directive and credible intelligence received about Ibrahim Abdullahi, aka Tiny, who had been on the run since he was linked to the murder of three residents of the community, the Satellite Division swung into action.

“The said Abdullahi was arrested alongside one of his accomplices, Obinna Okey, 23. During preliminary interrogation, they confessed to belonging to a cult group called the *Aro-Bagger*, aka *Vikings*.

“Other cultists arrested during the operation included Ismaila Adebayo, 21; Bode Akodo, 21; and Adefesun Abdulwahab, 25, all of the *Eiye* Confraternity.”

The PPRO added that Mu’azu had directed the Homicide Section of the State Criminal Investigation and Intelligence Department, Panti, Yaba, to take over the case involving Abdullahi, which had to do with an ongoing investigation into three murder incidents linked to him, noting that the other suspects were transferred to the command’s Anti-Cultism Squad for further investigation.

Meanwhile, one Stephen Egbe, who allegedly specialised in robbing commuters along Mile 12-Badagry Expressway, was arrested after being caught dispossessing people of their belongings in the Maza-Maza area of Satellite Town.

Elkana said, “One Stephen Egbe, a notorious traffic robber, who specialised in robbing commuters along the Mile 12-Badagry Expressway, was caught in the act on Saturday, March 23, 2019, around 8.05pm at Mosalashi bus stop near Maza-Maza by detectives of the Satellite Town Police Division.

“The command’s Special Anti-Robbery Squad has been directed to take over investigation. All the suspects arrested will be charged to court.”

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