

Cultists disrupt birthday party, kill one in Ogun

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Four suspected cultists have been arrested for allegedly killing a 26-year old man, Saibu Azeez, at a birthday party in Abule Lemode area of Ijoko in the Ado-Odo/Ota local government area of Ogun State.

The suspects: Opeyemi Olalekan, Azeez Ologundudu, Emmanuel Omoboriowo and Anigilaje Babatunde were arrested by men of Police command attached to Agbado Divisional headquarters in the state.

The Police Public Relations Officer in the state, Abimbola Oyeyemi, confirmed the incident in a statement he issued in Abeokuta on Sunday.

Oyeyemi said the suspects were notorious cultists who were arrested following a distress call received by the police in Agbado divisional headquarters.

Oyeyemi said the incident happened when the suspects invaded the venue of the birthday party organised by one Oluwatoye Ogun, a resident of 34, Oyedele close, Abule lemode at her father's house on May 24, 2019.

Oyeyemi said the suspected cultists stormed the venue of the party at about 2:00am with broken bottles and unleashed terror on the people attending the party.

He said, "The hoodlums stabbed the father of the person hosting the party, before they got hold of one Saibu Azeez and stabbed him in the stomach.

"Having received the distress call, the DPO Agbado division, CSP Aloko Amodu led his patrol team to the scene where four members of the suspected cult group were arrested."

The PPRO explained further that two persons, including the host's father, were taken to the nearby hospital following the injuries they sustained during the attack.

Oyeyemi said Azeez died while receiving treatment.

According to him, preliminary investigation revealed that the deceased was likely to be a member of a rival cult group and that his assailants probably came on a reprisal attack.

"The arrested suspects have all confessed to being members of a rival cult group.

"The Azeez's body has been deposited in the morgue for postmortem examination," he added.

The Police spokesman however said the commissioner of police, Bashir Makama, has ordered the transfer of the suspects to homicide section of the state Criminal Investigation and Intelligence Department for discreet investigation.

He said the CP also reiterated his earlier stance against cultism in the state and vowed not to rest until cultism is completely stamped out of the state.