

Wanted cultist, six others Lagos residents • Three nabbed

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MEN of the Lagos State Police Command have arrested a suspected cultist, Ifeoluwa Dodo, for allegedly killing one Ojo Taiwo in the Bariga area of the state.

The police have also arrested one Kunle Oyediran, 24, and two others, whose names have yet-to-be ascertained, for a series of violent attacks and robberies in Bariga.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Bala Elkana, said in a statement on Sunday that the 19-year-old Dodo had been on the run after mobilising eight members of his cult to kill Taiwo in February, adding that five members of the gang had been arrested and charged to court for murder.

Elkana stated, "On June 26, 2019, around 8am, personnel of the Operation Crush from the Bariga Police Station arrested one Ifeoluwa Dodo, 19, a strong member of the Aiye Confraternity, at Odo-Eran Street, Bariga. The suspect had been on the wanted list of the police for the murder of one Ojo Taiwo in February, 2019, at Bariga. He escaped after leading eight other members of his cult to carry out the murder.

"Five members of his gang were initially arrested and charged to court for murder. On the same date around 5.30pm, the operatives arrested one Kunle Oyediran, 24, of Ifelodun Street, Bariga, with two other members of his gang. The arrested cult members were responsible for a series of violent attacks and robberies in Bariga. The suspects will be charged to



Some of the suspects
court."

In a related development, the personnel of the Special Anti-Robbery Squad have also arrested two suspected members of the Aiye and Eiye confraternities, Olaiya Tosin and Kazeem Adeyanju, for allegedly planning to unleash mayhem on members of the groups in the Ketu area of the state.

Elkana said the personnel acted on a credible intelligence report that the groups were regrouping to attack each other, adding that one locally-made gun, a battle axe, one arrow and charms were recovered from the suspects.

He stated, "On June 28, 2019, around 6.30pm, operatives of the



Operation Crush received credible intelligence that members of the Aiye and Eiye confraternities were regrouping to unleash mayhem on each other and unsuspecting members of the public in Ketu and its environs. SARS operatives attached to Ketu on the Operation Crush swung into action and apprehended the

Two die, 22 missing as

Deji Lambo

THE lifeless bodies of a woman, Oluwaseunfunmi Aniyikaye, and a yet-to-be identified person have been recovered by rescue workers following a boat accident in Egbin, near Ijede, in the Ikorodu area of Lagos State.

Our correspondent learnt

that the combined rescue operation involving the Marine Police, the Lagos State Waterways Authority, the Lagos State Emergency Management Authority and local divers succeeded in rescuing three victims, who were taken to hospital for medical treatment.

PUNCH Metro gathered that 26 passengers had

boarded the boat at Badore, Ajah, and were on their way to the Ipakan Boat Jetty in the Egbin area of Ikorodu, when the boat capsized around 10pm on Saturday.

It was learnt that none of the passengers put on life jacket while travelling on the water.

An eyewitness, Hogan Bassey Jnr, who said the accident occurred due

friend allegedly rapes 16-year-old girl in Ogun

arrested for killing, terrorising for producing adulterated alcoholic beverages

following cult members: Olaiya Tosin and Kazeem Adeyanju. Investigation is ongoing.”

In another development, the personnel of the *Operation Crush*, acting on a tip-off, arrested two suspected cultists, 26-year-old Peter Ejovwoke and 37-year-old Azeezz Ajayi, in the Ajegunle and Apapa areas of the state.

Elkana said, “On Thursday, June 27, 2019, around 2.14pm, personnel of the *Operation Crush* from the Anti-Cultism Unit, acting on a tip-off, arrested one Peter Ejovwoke, 26, of Ughelli North, Delta State, on Ago Hausa Street, Ajeromi, Ajegunle. Two Baretta pistols with three rounds of live ammunition were recovered from him.

“On Friday, June 28, 2019, around 2.30pm, the operatives also arrested one Azeez Ajayi, aka Alaje, 37, of Apapa. Two Baretta pistols with four rounds of live ammunition were recovered from him. Investigation is ongoing.”

Meanwhile, three suspects, Dare Shittu, 27; Shittu Abdusalam, 19; and Oyenuga Biola, 29, were also arrested by the personnel of the command for allegedly

producing adulterated alcoholic beverages in the Apongbon area of the state.

Elkana said the personnel, while acting on credible information about an illegal production factory, located at No. 5 Chapel Street, off Apongbon, Lagos Island, raided the factory and

arrested the suspects.

He stated that the adulterated brands recovered from the illegal factory included Hennessy VSOP, Hennessy XO, Moet Chandon, Jack Daniel, Remy Martins, Jonny Walker Red Label and others.

The PPRO said “On

Thursday, June 20, 2019, around noon, based on information received about the illegal production of alcoholic beverages at No. 5 Chapel Street, off Apongbon, Lagos Island, a team of operatives from the State Intelligence Bureau was deployed in the area

on surveillance patrol. The operations led to the arrest of three suspects namely: Dare Shittu, 27; Shittu Abdusalam, 19; and Oyenuga Biola, 29.

“Large quantities of alcoholic beverages suspected to be adulterated were recovered from them. The beverage brands include

Trader blames friend after losing \$19,000 in fo

Oluwatobi Akindele

A forex trader, Kayode Adeyemi, has accused his friend, Pius Nsikan, of inviting three of his business partners to defraud him of \$19,000 (N4m).

Adeyemi said Nsikan convinced him to part with the money and that his friends would pay the naira equivalent on receiving a confirmation of the transaction.

He added that since he was made to part with the sum, Nsikan alongside his partners, Ken Onwuka, Josephine Iyama, and Patrick Ikeji, had refused to pay him back.

It was gathered that the officers of the Police Special Fraud Unit, Ikoyi, Lagos, had arrested three of the alleged fraudsters, who were arraigned separately before a Tinubu Magistrates’ Court in Lagos, the



• Tinubu Magistrates’ Court

other is still on the run.

According to the chargesheet, the defendants committed the offences on September 20, 2018.

Iyama was arraigned on April 5, 2019, on three counts of conspiracy, obtaining under false pretences and stealing.

The charges read in part, “That you, Josephine Iyama, and others now at large, on September 20, 2018, at Block A2-16 Suite 195/197, Sura Shopping Complex,

within the jurisdiction of this honourable court, conspired among yourselves to commit felony to wit; obtaining by false pretences and stealing the sum of N4,065,000, property of one Kayode Adeyemi, thereby committing an offence contrary to and punishable under Section 409 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State of Nigeria, 2011.

“That you, Josephine Iyama, and others now at large, on the same date, time and place, within the jurisdiction of this honourable court, did steal the sum of N4,065,000, property of

“That you, Pius Nsikan, on the same date, time and place, within the jurisdiction of this honourable court, with intent to defraud, obtained the sum of N4,065,000, property of one Kayode Adeyemi, under the pretext that you were going to give him the naira equivalent after taking his dollars, a representation which you knew to be false, thereby committing an offence contrary to Section 312 (1) (a) (b) and punishable under Section 312 (3) of the Criminal Law of Lagos State of Nigeria, 2011.”

He pleaded not guilty to the charges.

The alleged leader of the group, Onwuka, was arraigned on May 28, 2019, on three counts of conspiracy, obtaining under false pretences and stealing.

The charges read in part, “That you, Ken Onwuka, and others now at large, on September 20, 2018, at Block A2-16 Suite 195/197,