

Two killed as cult members clash in Lagos

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No fewer than 21 suspected cult members in the Ikorodu area of Lagos have been arrested following a clash that left two persons dead and many injured.

One of the 21 suspects, Yusuf Omidele, aka General, was said to be a ringleader, who had been on the police wanted list.

It was gathered that the hoodlums clashed on Thursday in Solomade, Ikorodu, attacking one another with guns, machetes and charms.

City Round learnt that many residents were indoors while business activities were paralysed as the fracas spilled to Friday.

The police spokesperson in the state, DSP Bala Elkana, who confirmed the incident and the number of casualties, said the police received a distress call around 10pm on Thursday that members of two rival cult groups – Eiye and Aye confraternities – were engaging in a supremacy battle.

He said the command's Anti-Cultism Unit and patrol teams from Ikorodu Police Station were deployed in the scene.

Elkana said, "The leader of one of the gangs, who has been on the wanted list of the command, Yusuf Omidele, popularly known as General, was arrested along with 20 others. General was charged to court on several occasions and sentenced to prison. He completed his last sentence in 2014 and has become an 'elder-in- council' in Eiye Confraternity.

"The suspects arrested belong to both Aiye and Eiye confraternities and have all confessed to be members of secret societies. Two cult members died from the clash and six others were injured."

Elkana added that four locally-made pistols, eight machetes and three daggers were recovered from the suspects

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