

Three feared dead as cult members clash

2 Oluwatosin Omojuyigbe

THREE persons were feared killed on Sunday in a clash between rival cults, the *Aiye* and *Eiye* confraternities, in the Aguda area of Surulere, Lagos State.

It was gathered that the cultists, who wielded weapons such as machetes, axe, planks and broken bottles, caused panic among the residents of the area.

Some of the streets affected in include Enitan, Willy Omiyi, Akinyele and Adetola.

PUNCH Metro learnt that the fight, which started on Saturday, led to the death of one Tunde Alado, who was allegedly killed by the leader of the *Aiye* Confraternity, identified simply as Muleru.

In a reprisal, some members of the *Eiye* Confraternity were said to have killed Muleru and one of his gang members on Sunday, where they were celebrating their victory.

An eyewitness, who spoke on condition of anonymity, stated that cult clashes had turned the area into a war zone.

He said, "Aguda has become a war zone, where people are being killed like animals on a daily basis. We could not sleep throughout the night because of gunshots; they (cultists) were chasing each other till this morning when they killed Muleru.

"Immediately we heard about the death of Muleru, everybody shut their doors because we didn't know what could happen; his gang members may want to avenge his death and nobody will want to be caught up in that.



• Scene of the clash

"We need more policemen patrolling this area because of

in Lagos

this kind of clash, which cannot but happen once in a while. We want peace to be restored in this area and we want to urge the state government to always put on the street lights in the area"

Our correspondent learnt that some policemen deployed in the area had arrested some suspects.

When contacted, the state Police Public Relations Officer, Muyiwa Adejobi, said he was going to get back to our correspondent but he had yet to do so as of the time of filing this report.