

Wanted cultist nabbed for killing

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• Husband defiles wife's niece in Lagos

A suspected cultist, Segun Agodo, has been arrested for allegedly killing a policeman and other murder cases in the Ikorodu area of Lagos State.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, CSP Muiywa Adejobi, said in a statement on Sunday

that Segun, who had been on the wanted list of the command, was arrested during a surveillance patrol led by the Divisional Police Officer, Sagamu Road Division, CSP Adekunle Omisakin, adding that two locally-made revolver pistols, among other weapons, were

recovered from the suspect.

Adejobi said, "Police detectives attached to the Sagamu Road Division, led by the Divisional Police Officer, Sagamu Road, Ikorodu, on Sunday, April 4, 2021, around 10am, apprehended a wanted serial killer and cultist, Segun Agodo, in the Odogunyan area of Ikorodu, Lagos State.

"Segun, a senior member of the Eije Confraternity, had been on the run for a while since he got the wind that he had been declared wanted by the police for his atrocities in the Ikorodu area of Lagos State. But he was sighted in Ikorodu on Sunday, April 4, 2021, while the DPO, Sagamu Road Division, and his men were on surveillance patrol around Ikorodu.

"The suspect, who has been fingered in many murder cases, including the alleged killing of a policeman in Ikorodu, was arrested in possession of two locally-made revolver pistols loaded with seven and 14 cartridges, one axe, some cutlasses and assorted charms."

Similarly, the PPRO said police detectives attached to the Alakuko Division, on Friday, April 2, 2021, around 5.30am, arrested one Sola Akinwale, 27, when he and his gang members were robbing at a car/motorcycle shop located at Amje bus stop in the Alakuko area of the state.

"The police detectives raced to the scene while responding to a distress call from the shop. The suspected armed robbers had shot one of the guards at the shop, Tairu Baba, 20, before the police

arrived at the scene. One locally-made pistol and four cartridges were recovered from the suspect," Adejobi said

In another development, police operatives attached to the Festac Division, on April 3, 2021, around 3pm, arrested one Jonas Nnubia, 43, for allegedly defiling his wife's niece at 1st Avenue, L Close, in the Festac area of the state.

Adejobi said the victim, who was taken to the police station in company with some officials of the Child Protection Network, Lagos State, alleged that the suspect had defiled her several times and threatened that she would die if she disclosed his criminal acts to

Makinde

Wale Oyewale, Ibadan

GOVERNOR 'Seyi Makinde of Oyo State has expressed his administration's readiness to give palliatives to victims of the fire outbreak at the Araromi Spare Parts Market, Agodi-Gate area of Ibadan.

The governor spoke on Sunday during a visit to the burnt market, which went up in flames in the early hours of Saturday.

The governor, who inspected the market alongside top government functionaries, expressed shock and sadness over the loss of goods worth millions of naira and promised to hold a meeting with the leaders of the market in a bid to find common grounds on the way forward.

He said, "I greet every one of you here this afternoon. I have seen the

policeman, others in Lagos



• Segun

anyone. The PPRO stated, "The victim has been taken to hospital for necessary medical examination

and attention in order to assist the police in carrying out their discreet investigation into the matter.

"The state Commissioner of Police, Hakeem Odumosu, has directed that the suspects involved in the cases be transferred to the SCID for proper investigation and possible prosecution.

"The police boss further stated that the command would leave no stone unturned in making sure that Lagos State was rid of criminals, especially cultists, who are the major perpetrators of crimes and social vices in the state. He also promised to continually partner with the Lagos State Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development and other interest groups in fighting against gender/domestic based violence in the state."

pledges palliatives for market fire



• Scene of the inferno

extent of destruction and I know how important this market is to the economy of Oyo State. I was here during the electioneering and interacted with you. I am still trying to process in my head the way forward, but I want to let you know that the government will come to your aid.

"We won't allow you to bear

the burden alone. So, I will ask the leadership to send your representatives. And by tomorrow (Monday), we will sit together and look at the immediate palliatives we can do for you.

"The second thing is that I want all of you to go and think about it very well; is it time for us to move

this market to a far more organised setting? Please, think about it. Do we need to move this market to a better place that will be more comfortable and spacious for everyone to stay in? It is a decision that we need to all take together, because I don't want any recurrence of this in the state. And the only way for us to ensure that we don't witness anything like this again is for us to sit down and think of a solution that will endure."

Makinde asked the leaders of the market to compile the list of shop owners who were affected by the fire, adding, "Within the next one or two weeks, the state will take a decision on the market generally."

He stressed that even if the market would remain in the present location, "we need to see how we can arrange ourselves such that this kind of thing

nyia sellers killed in two days



Uzodimma was disturbed by the incident and was poised to bring the perpetrators justice.

"We have just finished a meeting with government officials and head of security agencies in the state. They've intervened in the matter to ensure that peace reigns. We cannot continue like this. We must nip this in the bud for the peace and security of our country," Sulaiman stated.

He appealed to his northern brothers to remain calm and continue to be their brothers' keeper at all times.

While saying that the killings were politically motivated by people who never wished the government and people of Imo State well, he expressed regret that the situation was getting out of hand.

Sulaiman assured the northern community of the commitment of the state government to putting a stop to the attacks.

Efforts to speak with the Police Public Relations Officer, Orlando Ikeokwu, were not fruitful as his phones indicated that they were unreachable.

He had yet to respond to a text message sent to his mobile phone as of the time of filing this report. "

closing their shop in the night.

"Just as we were about to handle the situation, yesterday (Saturday) I was called again that four persons were killed by the same people."

Our correspondent learnt that the bodies of the victims had been taken to Owerri in preparation to burying them according to Muslim rites.

The Senior Special Assistant to the Governor on Gender, Vulnerable Groups, Northern Affairs (Men), Ibrahim Sulaiman, said the state government as well as security agencies were on top of the matter.

While calling for peace to reign, the SA said Governor Hope