

Bloody rival cult clash leaves one dead in Badagry

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Lagos State Police Commissioner, Abiodun Alabi

A fresh bloody clash between rival cult groups at Ganho compound in Badagry, Lagos, has resulted in the death of a 26-year-old man, Yusuf Tijani, the *News Agency of Nigeria* has reported.

A source told *NAN* that Tijani, identified as a member of Eiye confraternity, was shot dead by a group of six young boys aged between 20 and 25 years and belonging to a rival group; Aiye confraternity on May 12, around 6pm.

According to the source, the group chased Tijani to a compound in Ganho in Badagry, shot him thrice and fled the scene.

The source said, "The police from the Divisional Police Station, Badagry, promptly showed up when contacted but no one (suspect) was found.

"The development has created fear among the residents of the area. It was viewed as a reprisal on Eiye confraternity members by Aiye members. A similar reported attack at Agboviye on May 11, claimed a victim who was a member of Aiye Confraternity at the interval of 24 hours."

The source said that the victim's corpse was removed and deposited at the Badagry General Hospital mortuary while investigation continued.

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Contacted, the state police spokesperson, Mr Benjamin Hundeyin, told *NAN* that the command was aware of the incident.

He said that the command had instructed his men in Badagry to start an investigation into the incident.

He assured the residents of the town that the police would do everything within the law to arrest the alleged cultists and prosecute culprits accordingly.

NAN noted that on March 27, a bloody clash between suspected rival cult groups at Seme border resulted in the death of a 19-year-old boy, Lateef Agboola.

Sources told *NAN* that Agboola, a pupil of Sito Grammar School, was inflicted with machete cuts before being shot at close range that day at Zongo area of Seme border near Badagry, Lagos State.

NAN also gathered that the victim, who allegedly belonged to Eiye Confraternity, was killed following a reprisal between suspected rival cult groups.