

Three suspected cultists nabbed for robbery in Ogun

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The suspects

Operatives of the Ogun State Police Command have arrested three robbery suspects including another person earlier granted bail for the same offence.

The state police spokesperson, Abimbola Oyeyemi, disclosed this in a statement on Saturday.

Oyeyemi said the suspects were leading members of a cult group, Eiye confraternity terrorising Ijebu-Ode and its environs before they were arrested.

He said the suspects, Odukoya Odushina, Subomi Popoola and Itunuoluwa Taiwo were arrested on Wednesday following information received by the police at the Obalende Divisional Headquarters in Ijebu Ode.

The spokesperson added that the police were hinted that cultists were holding a nocturnal meeting at a black spot known as Sanga at the back of Central Mosque to later unleash terror on members of the community.

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He said, "Upon receipt of the information, the DPO Obalende Division mobilised his men and stormed the said black spot.

“On sighting the policemen, the hoodlums attacked them with weapons. But they were subdued and the ringleader of the cultists, Odukoya Odushina, a.k.a Odus, Subomi Popoola a.k.a Oyan and Itunuoluwa Taiwo were apprehended. Preliminary investigation revealed that the arrested suspects were not only into cultism but they were into robbery as well.

“It was also discovered that Odukoya Odushina had been arrested once and charged to court, but was granted bail. On the third day after he was granted bail, he went with his gang to rob at the Ayegbami area of Ijebu Ode where he killed a man simply known as Baba Njo. Some stolen items such as jewellery, phones and suspected hard drugs were recovered from them. The group has also been linked to several cult killings in Ijebu Ode and its environs.”

Oyeyemi noted that the state Commissioner of Police, Lanre Bankole, had ordered a full scale investigation into their activities. He further stated that the CP also ordered a massive manhunt for other members of the group with a view to charging them to court as soon as possible.