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2 killed in cult war

• Property worth millions of naira vandalised

By Christopher Oji

TWO persons were on Wednesday night hacked to death, while several others were injured during a cult war in Alagbado area of Lagos State.

The two factions fought a supremacy battle of AIT

Road axis.

Dangerous weapons such as machetes, guns, broken bottles and daggers were freely used.

At the end of the fight, two persons lost their lives, many others were injured, while vehicles parked on the streets were vandalised.

A resident, Busari Idowu, told *Daily Sun* that "we could not sleep on Wednesday night. The fight started around 9pm and ended early yesterday. The cultists fired guns as we heard cries of people in agony. I am surprised that they said only two persons died. I know one of the deceased. I also know about six persons that were injured.

"The cultists did not stop at attacking themselves, they also destroyed vehicles parked along the streets.

The state Police Public Relations (PPRO), Dolapo Badmos, said: "We received information from AIT Road, Alagbado that two cult members engaged in a physical fight that led to their deaths. One is called Owolabi Yusu and other victim's identity was yet unknown".

She said policemen from Alagbado division were deployed. She said the corpses have been deposited at the morgue as investigation began.

2 fake beggars nabbed in Lagos

• Mother, son deceive residents with injured leg for 5yrs

By Sijibomi Fatayo

For over five years, Chingoro Uwenke and her son, Sunny, aged 11, deceived Lagos residents in Lagos, claiming the latter had an injured leg.

They were arrested at Oshodi on Wednesday by the state Task Force on Environmental Sanitation for begging.

The 40-year-old woman had allegedly faked the injury. On their *modus operandi*, Chinagoro bandaged her son's leg with two rolls of white bandages, poured blue ink on the leg and stormed the streets, begging for alms to treat the wound. They operated everywhere but Oshodi was more lucrative because of the volume of people.

However, nemesis caught up with her when she and Sunny were nabbed on Wednesday by the task force for soliciting funds at Oshodi. The officers were shocked after opening the bandage and found out that nothing was wrong with the leg.

She told *Daily Sun* that she stopped her son who was in JSS II at Oworebiri Second-

ary School, Ata in Abia State, brought him to Lagos for street begging when she realised that it was a lucrative business as she made N3,500 to N5,000 daily.

"I brought my son, Sunny Uwenke to Lagos State five years ago to beg for alms while the remaining five children are at Ata with their father."

The Abia State native confirmed that she made much money at Oshodi than any other areas of Lagos because of the higher influx of people around the area who were sympathetic to her situation.

Meanwhile, the Chairman of the task force, Police Superintendent Olayinka Egbeyemi, appealed to the public to stop giving alms to fake beggars who troop into Lagos in large numbers daily.

Egbeyemi, while parading the suspects, said the agency is collaborating with relevant government ministries, agencies and departments to get rid of beggars. He also added that the Commissioner of Police, Mr Fatai Owoseni, had directed that the suspects be immediately charged to court.



• Suspected fake doctor paraded by the Lagos State Police Command recently.

agencies arrest 9 fake journalists

ahead of the election. We have been raising this alarm that the opposition party never wanted election