

We shot cult rival dead in 2020, suspect tells police

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A suspected cultist, Bakare Saheed, aka Ewe, who was arrested by the Osun State Police Command at the weekend, explained how he killed his cult rival, Tafa, with a gun, in 2020.

The suspect, a follower of Owoeye Olabode (a.k.a. Bode Itaapa), now in custody, said the gun he used to kill Tafa was given to him by Olabode.

He said, "We killed Tafa in 2020. He was also a member of Eiye confraternity. He wanted to kill Bode Itaapa. The day we met with his group, one of us called Yinka was killed and we also killed Tafa."

"I was also involved in cutting trees in Igangan. My wife and three children are in Ilesa. My second wife is from Benue but she's not living with me because I've not paid her bride price," Saheed said.

Osun State Police Public Relations Officer, Yemisi Opolola, disclosed that the suspect was arrested on November 11, around 11:30pm where he was cutting people's trees inside the forest.

She said, "Upon receiving credible intelligence, the operatives of the Anti-kidnapping squad swung into action and combed the entire community where the suspect Bakare Saheed, was arrested while he was unlawfully cutting down commercial trees around Igangan forest without the consent of the innocent owners."

"One of the victims stated that Ewe came to his farm along with others cultists fully armed with dangerous weapons, beat him up mercilessly, while threatening to shoot him with a gun and ordered him to leave his farm. He had no choice due to his safety but to leave the farm or be killed."

"During the interrogation, the suspect confessed to the killing of one late Tafa, a member of Eiye Confraternity sometimes in the year 2020, under the instruction of Bode Owoeye (a.k.a. Bode Itaapa). He confessed that Bode Owoeye gave him the

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