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'How we Beheaded Rival Group Member'

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Detectives attached to the Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS), Lagos State Police Command, Ikeja, have arrested five suspected members of a notorious cult group in connection with the killing of a rival member of another group along Apapa Road, Otto, Lagos Mainland, during a bloody clash recently.

SATURDAY Crime Watch learnt that two rival groups who were at loggerheads, fighting over the soul of Otto Motor Park, engaged themselves in a bloody clash about two months ago during which one person simply identified as Kunta was kidnapped and beheaded and the head dumped beside a mosque in a polythene bag.

Nemesis was said to have caught up with one of the assailants, Ismaila Adeniran, whose confessional statement led to the arrest of four others, including the younger brother of the prime suspect, who is currently at large.

At the Lagos Island home of the younger brother, Qudus Sheu, a Berretta pistol and two jack knives were recovered. Mohammed Adebukola, the hatchet man who cut off Kunta's head with a jack knife, claimed that the late Kunta, who belonged to another factional group killed one of their own, Ahmed Dagbe, in the wake of the last general elections. The killing of Kunta, who was also known as "Christmas", he said, was a reprisal one.

According to the 25-year-old suspect and a native of Ajikobi Area of Ilorin, Kwara State capital, immediately he succeeded in chopping off the head of Kunta, with the aid of four others, he kept the head beside Fagbaimu Mosque, Apapa Road, Otto, to cover their tracks. On attempted murder of another victim simply identified as Femo Scorpion at Makoko Area of Lagos, Mohammed claimed the victim missed death by the whiskers when they attempted to terminate his life.

“The man, Femo Scorpion is the chairman of tricycle operators in Makoko unit. He pledged to offer me N20, 000 if he was elected the chairman of the unit. I worked for him and he won the contest. When it was time for him to redeem the pledge, rather than pay me, he began to avoid me. And that unsavoury development irked me and I decided to claim his life, but he was lucky, before I was arrested”, said the 25-year-old suspect.

Three other members also arrested include Idris Kabiru (21), Raufu Olowolagba (22) and Sheu Qudus (28).

While parading the five suspects with others at the command headquarters, Ikeja, Mr. Fatai Owoseni, Lagos State Commissioner of Police, said the suspects were arrested at Ebute Metta area where a locally made pistol, a Berretta pistol, four live cartridges, a number plate, five mobile phone sets and assorted charms were recovered from them.

As soon as investigation was concluded into the matter, the police boss assured that the suspects would be charged to court.

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