

## Five Killed As Cultists Unleash Terror On Lagos

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Five people were killed on Tuesday after suspected cult members' unleashed terror on the residents of the Federal Housing Estate, Abesan, Ipaja, Lagos State. The clash was between members of the Black Axe and Aiye confraternity.

One of those killed was the second in command of Black Axe. According to residents of Abesan, four people were killed when Black Axe members came to carry out a reprisal attack over the death of their second in command.

The second in command, Olawadamilola Ajiwokewu alias

Bebe, was alleged to have been butchered by the Aiye cult group in broad daylight. Ajiwokewu was trailed to Greenland Pharmacy where he went to buy drugs on Akinyele Road in the estate.

Determined to avenge Ajiwokewu's death, his members stormed the community in search of Aiye members. The Black Axe zeroed in on four Aiye members and gunned them down on Saturday, bringing the pile of corpses to five.

The bodies of the Aiye cult members were said to have being evacuated by policemen from Gowon Estate and moved to a public mortuary. When our correspondent visited the estate yesterday, there was still apprehension on the faces of some of the residents.

A resident, who identified himself simply as Idowu, said: "On October 25, this community

was like a war zone. Some Aiye members stormed the estate on five motorcycles and started shooting sporadically before they went after their targets.

“Immediately Oluwadamilola saw the cult members, he took to his heels. They chased and caught up with him; they butchered him at the spot. Since then, we have been living in fear.

On Saturday, information filtered out that some Aiye cult members’ bodies littered the estate.” When contacted the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Dolapo Badmos, denied knowledge of the incident.

She said: “The report from the Gowon Estate Police Division is that nothing like that was reported.”