

Three killed in Ogun cult war

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No fewer than three persons have been reportedly killed in a renewed cult clash in Sagamu Local government area of Ogun State.

Sunday Telegraph gathered that members of the Eiye and Aiye confraternities relaunched their supremacy battle on Tuesday, shooting one another.

No fewer than 30 persons have died in various supremacy battles between members

of cult groups in the last three months in the state.

Two persons were reportedly killed while a policeman was shot during a cult war that erupted in Sagamu last week.

As on Saturday, three persons were said to have been shot dead in the ongoing fracas that has brought commercial activities to a halt in some parts of Sagamu.

Some residents of the town who spoke with our correspondent said several other persons sustained injuries in the attack.

Our correspondent learnt

that one of the victims, an attendant at Awabat Filling Station in Ijokun, was shot dead on Friday night.

A reliable source told our correspondent that the man, simply identified as Matey, was shot in the head by some yet-to-be identified persons.

"We don't know if he was a cultist, we don't know what happened. We just saw that he was shot dead by cultists. He's a petrol attendant at Awabat in Ijokun," a mother of one, who pleaded anonymity, said.

The Ogun State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Abimbola Oyeyemi, confirmed that three persons were killed in the melee.

However, Oyeyemi disclosed that many of the cultists have been arrested by the police.

"Yes, three persons were killed in Sagamu by cultists. But we have arrested many of them. The Commissioner of Police has directed our tactical teams to be on standby. We have started trailing those involved and many are in custody. We are clamping down on them, more will still be arrested," Oyeyemi said.