

Lagos: Cultist arrested over murder of Police Inspector

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The Lagos State Police Command, on Sunday night, arrested a suspected cultist, one Sunday Igboro (aka Ashila), over the murder of an Inspector of Police attached to Zone 2, Headquarters, at the Ijanikin area of the state.

Five other suspected members of the gang are currently on the run, while the police in the area claim that they recovered two cutlasses from the house of one of the fleeing cult members.

It was learnt that the Police Inspector had a misunderstanding with one of the cult members who later mobilised his gang members to carry out the hatchet man's job.

The killing of the policeman also created heavy

tension in the area as most residents stayed away from the streets for fear of being caught up in a reprisal.

It was also learnt that as of the time of his death the deceased Police Inspector was attached to Zone 2 Command Headquarters, Onikan in Lagos.

It was learnt that the deceased Inspector was hacked down by a seven man gang of cultists few metres from his home, around 8.40pm on Sunday.

Eye witness said trouble started after the gang had a misunderstanding with the deceased.

Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer, Benjamin Hundeyin, confirmed the incident saying that a member of the gang has been arrested. Hundeyin said other members of the gang are

currently on the run.

He said two cutlasses were recovered from the house of one of the fleeing gun men.

"At about 8pm, someone came to the station to report that a group of boys had misunderstanding with one Inspector attached to Zone 2 Headquarters on Friday July 21, 2023.

"The gang reinforced and attacked the victim with axe and inflicted various degrees of injuries on his head.

"A team of policemen led by the Divisional Police Officer (DPO), Ijanikin, CSP Afolabi Kazeem moved to the scene where they met the lifeless body of the victim.

"The suspects fled, but one of them was arrested and a cutlass was recovered from the home of the fleeing suspects," he added.