



Cult symbol

4 killed, 11 suspects arrested in Ogun cult clash

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No fewer than four persons have reportedly been killed, while several others sustained gunshot injuries, in various cult clashes in Abeokuta, the Ogun State capital, just as 11 suspects have been arrested in connection with the killings.

The suspects were killed in different parts of Abeokuta over the weekend when members of rival cult groups engaged one another in bloody clashes.

New Telegraph learnt that those who died include members of Aye, Eiye and Buccaneer confraternities.

It was further gathered that, the clash stated on Thursday when a suspected leader of the Eiye confraternity, simply identified as Dare was shot dead in front of his house in Ijeja area of Abeokuta, Abeokuta South Local Government Area of the state.

An eyewitness who spoke to our correspondent, said Dare, who was popularly known as Oloba was shot dead on Thursday evening by suspected members of the Buccaneer Confraternity.

A police source also told our correspondent that Oloba was killed on Thursday, while another suspected cultist commonly called, Tayo Alora, was also murdered in Isabo area of the state capital on Sunday morning.

A resident who does not want his name in print said Tayo must have been trailed to the point where he was gunned down.

"They must have trailed him here, but they really didn't engage in any disagreement or fight before he was shot. This is really scary the government should quickly rise up to this before things get out of hand again.

"This is how they always start, the police and other security agen-

cies should please start their work immediately."

When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) of the Ogun State Command, Omolola Odutola, confirmed the incidents.

Odutola however confirmed the death of two other suspected cult members.

The PPRO said, member of aye group and buccaneer confraternity were killed during the weekend.

Odutola said, one Seun Elewode, a member of aye cult group was killed during a shootout between rival cult groups in Adeun area of Lafenwa, Abeokuta.

According to her, a suspected member of buccaneer confraternity was killed at Akinolugbade area of the town. "One Seun Elewode, a notorious member of Aye cult group who just returned from prison was attacked and shot dead at Adeun, Lafenwa in Abeokuta.

7 men arraigned for tampering with N

Seven men yesterday appeared before a Federal High Court in Lagos State for allegedly tampering with a petroleum product pipeline.

The defendants are Godbless Ebi, Gabriel Otovor, Saheed Abdulrahman, Anthony Arubayan, John Adebayo, Emmanuel Ajayi, and Godwin Joseph.

They were arraigned before Justice Abimbola Awogboro on a two-count charge of conspiracy and unlawfully tampering with petroleum pipeline.

They, however, pleaded not guilty.

Prosecution counsel, Mrs. O. Halima, told the court that the de-