

Cult clash claims 3 in Lagos

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There was confusion, on Tuesday night, around Agric area of Ikorodu, in Lagos State, with three people reportedly killed and many others injured as two cult groups clashed.

The police in the state confirmed the clash, but claimed that only one person was killed in an incident that sent residents of Ikorodu scampering for safety.

The fear of reprisal attacks from the rival cult group had also aggravated tension in the ancient town, as members of the group had reportedly threatened to avenge the death of their members.

A resident of Agric Bus Stop, along Ikorodu, who pleaded anonymity, informed the Nigerian Tribune that the clash was between members of Eiye and Aiye fraternities and that had been a long battle for superiority between the two cult factions.

The resident stated that a certain Ibraheem Omo Alhaja had, on Tuesday night, led a team of cult members to Agric area and launched an attack on members of the rival group in the area.

He added that Ibraheem and his cohorts were allegedly fully armed, as they freely used guns, machetes and other dangerous weapons on their opponents, who must have been caught unawares.

The Omo Alhaja group was said to have been confronted by the rival group, after it was clear that they really meant business and that they were really prepared for them.

A clash ensued between the rival cult groups, with sporadic gunshots that sent residents running for dear lives and many of them were forced to close business operations for the day.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) of the command, Joseph Jaieoba, confirmed the incident, but claimed that only one person was reported dead, and he added that the police in the state were on the trail of Omo Alhaja.