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Cultists rape woman, kill husband, three others during clash

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LAGOS — RIVAL cultists, Tuesday night, clashed in Somolu and Ketu areas of Lagos, leaving four persons dead and several others injured.

In Ajelogo area of Ketu, it was gathered that suspected members of Five confraternity stormed a suspected rival's home identified simply as Seyi in the wee hours of Monday.

He was dragged outside and clubbed to death, after the cultists had raped his wife in front of him and flung his nine-month old baby out of the bed.

Vanguard gathered that three persons were arrested by policemen from Alapere division. The suspects said to have been transferred to the state Criminal Investigation Department, Yaba, were reportedly leaving the scene when they were accosted.

Seyi's widow, who is yet to come to terms with her husband's demise, told policemen at the station that there had been threats on her husband's life by the cultists, who accused him of being an informant to another cult group, Black Axe confraternity.

2 The Somolu clash

Meanwhile, in Somolu area of Lagos, Tuesday night, what was described as a reprisal attack on the group that killed Seyi left three persons dead.

The cultists were said to have stormed Ajoose area, where they first shot one Tunde dead. The late Tunde's assailants were said

to have accused him of raping one of their member's pregnant wife during an earlier attack in Ponrele area of Abule Ijesha.

The attack said to have started at 10.30 pm was launched at Fadipe, Popoola and Oreofe areas.

Vanguard gathered that while the cultists were approaching a street in Bariga, their rival group laid ambush for them. Danger-

ous weapons such as cutlasses, axes and gun were said to have been freely used in the ensuing fight.

Contacted, spokesperson for the Lagos State Police Command, Ngozi Braide, confirmed the clash in Epe

She said though there was claim that only one person died during the clash but no official report had been made to that effect. She noted that the police had not seen any corpse either.

Houses, property destroyed after 14-hour rain in Kaduna

KADUNA — RESIDENTS of Abubakar Kigo Road New Extension, Kaduna State, yesterday, said about 100 houses were submerged in the area following about 14 hours of rain.

News Agency of Nigeria reports that the rain started at 10p.m on Tuesday and ended at noon, yesterday.

It disrupted movement and flooded some areas of the city including Tudun Wada, Expressway and Rigasa.

Mrs Esther Okpala, a resident of Kigo Road, told NAN that she evacuated her family but her property were submerged, adding that she did not go to work to safeguard her property.

Okpala said she had been in the house for more than eight years but that the problem of flooding started in the area four years ago.

Another resident, Alhaji Umar Musa said people had been moving out of the area for fear of the flood.



Submerged houses in Kaduna