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Rep cries out over cult killings in Ijebuland

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ABEOKUTA—A member of the House of Representatives representing Ijebu North, Ijebu-East and Ogun Waterside in the National Assembly, Segun Adekoya, has lamented the incessant killings by rival cult groups in Ago-Iwoye and the Ijebu axis.

Adekoya yesterday said two persons were killed on Sunday and Monday evening in different parts of the town.

The lawmaker was reacting to the violence that broke out between two rival cult groups in the university town of Ago-Iwoye on Sunday which claimed two lives within two days.

This development happened about 72 hours after the state Police Command said it arrested no fewer than 30 suspected cultists terrorising people in the Ijebu axis of the state.

The lawmaker said he had informed the State Commissioner of Police, Mr. Valentine Ntomchukwu and the Area Commander of Ago-Iwoye about the two incidents.

He charged all security agencies to brace up and arrest any cult member disturbing the peace of the area in particular and the state in general.

Adekoya said," The activities of rival cult groups in Ago-Iwoye in recent times are heart-rendering. A suspected member of a particular cult group was cut down on Sunday while another one's life was equally cut short in retaliation for the previous day's incident.

"These killings are worrisome. The people of Ago-Iwoye and the Ijebu axis are living in fear. We appeal to the police and other security agencies in the state to urgently come to the aid of the people of Ago-Iwoye and the Ijebu axis and protect us from the menace of these cult and murderous groups."

NIGERIAN IDOL WINNER VISITS VANGUARD: *From left; Mr Olunrombi Olakunle Koya, Winner of the Nigerian Idol TV Reality Show; Mrs Laju Iren of Vanguard newspaper; Mr Ayo Onikoyi, Entertainment Editor, Vanguard; Miss Ogunmoyero Modoluwamu, 1st Runner-up, Nigerian Idol and Mr Ese-Amadasun Imuetiyan, 2nd Runner-up, Nigerian Idol, during the Nigerian Idol Winners team's visit to Vanguard, yesterday.* Photo by Diran Oshe.