

Four suspected cultists killed in gun battle in Ilorin

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Rival cult groups engaged in gun battle on the streets of Ilorin, Kwara State capital during which four men were allegedly killed.

Sunday Vanguard gathered that several shops and homes around Baboko, Osere, Ikokoro areas of Ilorin where the gun fight took place had been under lock since Thursday night when the incident occurred as shop owners and residents feared being hit by stray bullets.

A similar incident had occurred around the same Ikokoro area in 2016 after a suspected cult member, Wasiu Adanri, was murdered.

Sunday Vanguard sources said the Thursday night's gun fight started after one of the victims, simply identified as 'Abbey', was shot dead around Ikokoro area.

The unidentified gunmen, believed to be of a rival cult group, were said to have stormed the area at about 7.45pm and allegedly went

straight to the apartment of the victim and fired several gun bullets at him.

The victim, who was allegedly confirmed dead by his killers before they left, was said to have been a member of a cult.

The colleagues of the victim, in a reprisal attack, were said to have trailed the assailants to Baboko and Osere areas of Ilorin, on Friday, engaging them in gun fight till yesterday morning, during which three others were allegedly shot dead.

Contacted, police public relations officer, Ajayi Okasanmi, however, confirmed that only one life was lost in the cult clash.

Pa Omadeli dies at 94

Pa James Omadeli, 94, is dead. Papa passed on to eternal glory on February 25 after a brief illness in Lagos. He was a staff of Daily Times Nigeria where he worked meritoriously before he retired.

According to burial arrangements, a service of songs hold at 6, Bank-Olemoh Close, off Akerele Street, Surulere, Lagos on Saturday, April 15. Burial rites continue on Friday April 21 in Koko in Warri North LGA, Delta State while traditional rites will be performed on Saturday, April 22.

The deceased is survived by wife,

Deaconess Tietie Omadeli, children, grand-children, great grand-children, cousins, nephews, nieces and numerous friends.



•Late Pa James Omadeli