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By Dayo Johnson

Akure—NO fewer than 10 persons have been killed within the last three days in Akure, the Ondo State capital, with others injured, as rival cult groups do battle over supremacy.

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Meanwhile, the Police said over 20 suspects have been arrested in connection with crimes in the metropolis.

Among those arrested were four ex-convicts, Omololu James, 19; Ojo Odunayo, 16, and Wale Ayemowa, 18, discharged from prisons in Lagos State after serving their sentences and Bidemi Victor 18, who served his jail sentence in Olokuta in Akure.



Some of the suspects

The four teenagers used an abandoned two-storey building near the state House of Assembly as their hideout.

Reports had it that the cult groups engaged in bloody gun battles at Oke-Aro, Old Garage, NEPA Junction and Odi-Olowo areas.

It was gathered that the killing of a member of the group sparked off a reprisal attack, which increased the casualty figures.

Vanguard learned that four members of one of the cult groups, riding on Okada, stormed NEPA Junction at about 9p.m. Monday, and shot their target at close range.

The killing created tension in the state capital, as streets were deserted following fear of another reprisal attack by the other group.

Speaking on the killings, the state's police image maker, Femi Joseph, said only three persons were killed, while one survived gunshots during the cult war.

Joseph said the fight was as a result of a reprisal attack by one of the groups, whose member was earlier killed by a rival group.

According to him, over 20 suspects have been rounded up across the Akure metropolis and they include suspected cult members, robbers, and murderers amongst others.

He said the suspects are being screened and would be charged to court as soon as the investigations were concluded.

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