

Teams continued the search for

Cult war claims another life in Sapele

●Lagos-based cultists arrested while buying gun in Ogun



The suspected cultists arrested in Ondo.

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THE supremacy battle between Eiye and Aro Baga cult groups in Sapele, Delta State claimed the life of an Okada rider, who was killed at a beer parlour on Reclamation Road by Abu Junction, Tuesday night.

The killing of the young man, whose name could not be ascertained at press time, said to be from Edo State, threw many residents into panic.

A senior police source at Sapele Area Command, who confirmed the killing, said the issue of tackling cultism was beyond lip service, insisting that part of the problem lies with residents of the town.

"They know who is who in cult groups, and they are not bothered, if you arrest now they will come and bail them, what do we do," he said.

The Delta State Police Public Relations Officer, Onome Onowakpoyeya, while confirming the incident, told Vanguard that the police were doing everything

possible to uphold security.

Meanwhile, operatives of Ogun State Command of the Nigeria Police have arrested six suspected members of dreaded cult groups in Odogbolu area of the state during a fight over a botched arms deal.

The command Public Relations Officer, DSP Abimbola Oyeyemi, disclosed that "investigation revealed that the Ikorodu-based suspects contracted Samuel Olaniyan to purchase a locally made pistol for them, and when the gun was delivered, they discovered that the pistol was not serviceable; hence they came with full force to deal with the Odogbolu-based cultists for betraying their trust".

"While the pandemonium was going on, a distress call was made to Odogbolu division, consequent upon which the DPO, SP Awoniyi Adekunle, quickly led his men to the scene where the six suspects were apprehended".

Items recovered from them are one locally-made pistol and two live cartridges.