

Suspected cultist killed in church in Abia



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A yet-to-be identified young man has been killed in Aba, **Abia State** by suspected cult group members.

The man was killed in one of the pentecostal churches within the Ogbor Hill axis of the commercial city while service was going on.

His killers were said to have operated in a registered commercial tricycle believed to have been snatched from the owner by the killers.

The Nation learnt that the killers who were later identified as a hit squad of a cult group, trailed him to where he had gone for a routine exercise around the Ogbor Hill axis of Aba, unknown to the deceased, who was said to be a member of a rival cult group in Aba.

The deceased, on sighting the killers, was said to have taken to his heels while they chased after him.

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He was said to have run into a church off the major road, but the killers who were determined to kill him, chased him into the church where they ordered everybody to lay on the floor and went ahead to search for their target.

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It took the killers few minutes to find their target laying on the altar of the church with other members.

The killers were said to have dragged him out a few distance from others at the altar and subsequently shot him in the head several times with a short double barrel gun and ensured that he breathed his last before leaving the church in the same tricycle that they came with.

The incident was said to have caused panic in the church and within the neighbourhood.

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It was learnt that the church leadership informed the police who visited the church and took away the body of the deceased which was later deposited to a morgue.

Another cult-related killing was recorded around the Old Express, by Elder Justice School, in Aba North Local Government area of the state.

Our correspondent reports that there have been reported cases of cult related killings in Aba which has created tension among the residents of the city.