

Cultists kill man in club

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POLITICAL activities in Bayelsa State took a new trend as suspected cultists stormed a popular night club located Hospital Road in Amarata, killing one person identified as Igoh John Okolia

Investigations by *Saturday Champion* revealed that the cultists numbering over 10 invaded the club known as 'BJ Fries' in three private vehicles packed by the road side and quickly dashed into the dancing arena where they spotted the deceased and emptied hot pellets of bullets into his stomach and chest. He died on the spot.

Okolia, who hails from Twon-Brass, Brass local Government Area, is a member of one of the political parties in the state, and strong supporter of one of the House of Assembly aspirants.

Confirming the incident, the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) Mr. Iniobong Ikpokette maintained that it was some suspected cultists who carried out the act about 10:50pm on Wednesday, describing the incident as unfortunate.

Ikpokette, a Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) who could not immediately disclose the cause of the incident, could not say whether the killing was politically motivated or not, just as he said the police was yet to decipher the name of the group that carried out the dastardly act.

He said, "only one person died, no other casualty, it is an unfortunate incident and we are still investigating."

The police spokesman who disclosed that a driver's licence was found on the deceased, added that his corpse had been deposited at the mortuary of the Okolobiri General Hospital, Yenagoa, the state capital.

The joint is owned by a former Chairman of Sagbama Local Government Area, Bayelsa state; Prince Barnabas Edure.

It was gathered that those partying at the club which also houses an eatery scampered for safety, even as most of them mostly young girls sought refuge at some uncompleted buildings and shanties as commercial motorcycle popularly called Okada have been banned from operating after 10pm and before 6am daily, while those who came in their vehicles rescued some damsels who were stabilised by the incident.