

LASPOLY student, security officer killed by suspected cultists

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A Higher National Diploma (HND) final-year student of the Lagos State Polytechnic, Ikorodu main campus and a security officer were at the weekend killed in Okegbegun, Ikorodu North Local Council Development Area, Lagos State, by gunmen suspected to be cultists.

Confirming the deaths, the institution's Public Relations Officer, Mr. Lanre Kuye, told City News that the deceased were on their way to their respective homes when they were shot by the unknown gunmen who were on a motorcycle.

"The gunmen were three on a bike. They began shooting sporadically before they gunned down the two men from the school. But I can't confirm now they were cultists because there wasn't any form of cult clash," Kuye said.

But an eyewitness, Mr. Oluwaseyi Fernandez, said he was sure the killers were cultists because of the kind of outfit they wore.

"That day I was in a barbing saloon when I saw people running and the barber and I began hearing gunshots. We then saw them shooting and we took to our legs. As we ran, we heard people shouting the gunmen had killed two people at the Market Square, on Lasunwon Road, before the intervention of the community's vigilante," Fernandez said.

A National Diploma 11 student of the polytechnic, Taiwo Awodun, also believed it was a cult clash.