Elsewhere in Benue State, a 400-Level Mass Communication student of the state-owned university in Makurdi and one other person were reportedly shot dead in the Gyado Villa area of Makurdi town by alleged rival cult members in February this year.

The victims were said to have been watching football at a popular viewing centre, where the assailants shot them at close range.

An eyewitness was quoted as saying, "We were watching a football match at the viewing centre when about three young men suspected to be cult members came into the place about 10 pm, searching for their target."

It was gathered that the killing of the duo brought to six the number of persons previously killed in the area in what appeared to be a rival cult war in the community that hosts a large population of Benue State University (BSU) students.