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Final year student killed, 3 injured in renewed cult war in UNIBEN

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A yet-to-be identified 500 level student of the University of Benin (UNIBEN) has been reportedly shot dead on campus in a renewed cult war between rival cult groups in the institution.

Three other students who were said to have sustained various degrees of injuries during the attack were rushed to the hospital for treatment.

It was gathered that the incident happened on Friday evening when the

rampaging cult groups stormed the Anatomy Department back gate to kill their target and from there moved to Physical science and laboratory departments shortly after the students finished writing their examination.

Daily Trust on Sunday learnt the deceased student was shot at close range in his car while the three others were shot while trying to escape from the gunmen.

The incident caused panic among the students and staff on campus as they scampered for safety.

According to witnesses, the rival fight began in Ekiadolor area, some days

ago, in which about three persons were allegedly killed before spreading to the Ugbowo campus of the institution.

A viral video of the incident seen by our correspondent showed a red car with bullet holes. The body of a man was seen removed from the car and taken to the back of a pick-up van.

When contacted, the command's spokesperson, SP Chidi Nwabuzor, said he was yet to be informed of the incident.

"I am yet to be briefed of such an incident. When I get the briefing, I will let you know, but for now no information," he said.