

Unknown persons kill teenager in Makurdi

UNKNOWN persons on Tuesday murdered a teenager, Audu Ladan in Wadata, Makurdi, Benue State.

A witness told *The Guardian* that Ladan was walking along Enugu Street of Wadata suburb, alongside his younger sister when he met an ambush by the gang at about 4.00pm on Tuesday.

It was learnt that the gang, numbering about 20, viciously attacked the youth with axes and cutlasses, while others repeatedly shot into the air to scare away residents.

The killers cut Ladan's throat and disembowelled him. It was a gory sight as residents in their hundreds trooped to Enugu

*From Simeon Nwakaudu,
Makurdi*

Street to catch a glimpse of the slain teenager. The suspects thereafter left the area on motorbikes.

Minutes after they left, hundreds of residents and relatives of the slain Ladan mobilised to the scene from where prayers

were said for the repose of his soul and he was taken for burial according to Islamic rites.

When *The Guardian* visited Wadata yesterday morning, youths were seen moving in processions, chanting anti-cult songs and threatening to fish out the killers of the late Ladan, a renowned footballer with local

youth team.

Sources at Wadata said that the killing of Ladan brought to 10 recent killings in the area.

Contacted, the Public Relations Officer of Benue State Police Command, Mr. Samuel Jinadu, said his office was yet to receive details of the killing in Wadata area of Makurdi.