

One killed in Ibadan police raid

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AN unidentified young man was allegedly killed on Sunday when policemen raided a popular mall in the Ring Road area of Ibadan, the Oyo State capital. It was gathered that the police stormed the mall to arrest some suspected internet fraudsters around 8.00 p.m. The suspects were allegedly smoking Indian hemp when the police arrived at the mall, the victim attempted to escape and a police officer shot the victim in the stomach. He died in the process.

The mall has been shut down while the police have taken over the facility. The source, who spoke in confidence, said: "I was there live. The Yahoo boys were taking

Indian hemp when the police arrived. I guess the young man was afraid of being caught with marijuana and he attempted to escape. One of the policemen shot him in the stomach and he died and his corpse was taken away."

Oyo State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Adewale Osifeso, who confirmed the incident, said it was not the police that shot the deceased.

He explained that the crisis was between two factions of cultists, saying the police were investigating the matter and would give details when completed.

Osifeso said: "It was a case of cult-related violence. Comprehensive investigations are ongoing to apprehend all the culprits involved. Updates would be provided in due course."