

# Abia probes alleged cult killing of 400-level ABSU student

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**T**HE Abia State government has launched an investigation into the death of an unnamed 400-level student at Abia State University (ABSU) during a clash between rival cult groups.

The Guardian learnt that the student was killed at the institution on Monday.

The government's response was announced, yesterday, by Commissioner for Information and Culture, Okey Kanu, during a press briefing.

Kanu confirmed reports of the student's death and acknowledged the circulation of online videos of the incident.

He said: "It has come to the notice of the government that there have been skir-



ABSU slain student

mishes in Abia State University, Uturu, within some student groups. Some videos have been trending online, to the effect that a student lost his life in these skirmishes.

"As a responsive and responsible government, some remedial actions have been

taken to restore peace and order on campus. Government has dispatched security agencies to take control of the situation at ABSU. Investigation in that regard has been instituted."

Kanu urged students across all tertiary institutions in the state to prioritise peace and avoid violence that could endanger their lives and academic pursuits.

Also, Special Adviser to the Governor on Media and Publicity, Ferdinand Ekeoma, acknowledged initial uncertainties regarding the specifics of the clash. He confirmed that government representatives were dispatched to liaise with relevant authorities and establish a clear picture of the events.