

Suspected Cultists Kill Three In Ado-Ekiti

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THREE persons were reportedly killed in Ado-Ekiti, the Ekiti State capital, by hoodlums suspected to be cultists and ritualists.

Corpses of the deceased, two males and one female, were reportedly picked by police in Ado-Ekiti at different locations as residents celebrate the February 14 Valentine Day and were said to have been deposited at an undisclosed hospital.

As a result of the mysterious death, residents of the town, now live in fear.

The victims were reportedly killed at different locations in the town, especially in Adebayo and the popular Iyin Road areas of Ado-Ekiti.

One of the victims, suspected

to be a student of the University of Ado Ekiti (UNAD), had his head severed by assailants at his residence in Araromi Quarters, Adebayo Area, where most of the UNAD students reside.

When *Daily Independent* visited the students' hostel, where the incident occurred tagged 'Peace Island' and 'Uptown Villa' on Sunday, the two-flat building was deserted.

A source at the area told newsmen that some unidentified person stormed the hostel and dragged their victim out, before he was killed.

The development was said to have led to so much tension in the area, compelling the residents to run for safety, while some stayed in-doors to avert being caught in the web.

The second victim, a lady,

whose lifeless body was discovered at Akinlabi Olu Avenue, off Housing Road in the same Adebayo Area, was reportedly found with some of his parts already chopped off, which gave room for suspicion that ritualists must have been responsible for her death.

A reliable source in the area confided that the corpse was discovered on Monday morning with some vital parts m: "We just woke up this morning and discovered the lifeless body of this young girl, who cannot be more than 15 years.

"We discovered that her eyes and some other parts of her body had already been chopped off. Immediately we realised this, some of the residents contacted the police to get the body evacuated".