

# Man Stabbed To Death For Preventing Cultists From Smoking Indian Hemp In His Compound

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A 36-year-old man, Bolaji Abdul-Salam, has been allegedly killed by some suspected cultists in the early hours of Saturday for preventing them from smoking Indian Hemp in front of his compound in Ilorin, the Kwara State capital.

Daily Independent gathered that the deceased had challenged the cultists who were smoking hemp at a corner in front of his family compound at Alfa Yahaya area of Ita-Amon in Ilorin Township.

A witness said the deceased had gone to the nearby Adewole Police Station to report the matter as the alleged cultists failed to heed to his warnings.

Our source said based on the report the Police went to the area with him where seven of the boys were arrested.

It was gathered that the following day, one of the boys who escaped being arrested returned to the venue where the boys were arrested and was challenging the victim to do his worse while smoking.

Our source said an argument ensued which led to a

fight and the boy brought out an English pistol and shot Bolaji, "but the bullets did not penetrate his body. Bolaji however overpowered the boy, took his pistol and the boy ran away".

"Bolaji took the pistol to Adewole Police station to alert the police of the new development. This however led to a manhunt for the cultists by the Police and friends of Bolaji on Friday with no success", source said.

It was also gathered that the cultists later regroup at the early hours of Saturday at about 3.30am to attack the deceased in his house. They broke the deceased house iron gate and his room door where he, the wife and daughter were fast asleep and stabbed him to death.

A resident who spoke to our correspondent on condition of anonymity confirmed to have heard the noise when the suspected cultists were breaking the door.

He said on getting there he saw the cultists in large numbers who were all dressed in black attire so he escaped for his dear life.

It was gathered that the Police immediately visited the scene of the killing to verify



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and met with the deceased family. His corpse was released to the family for burial according to the Islamic rites.

Also, a member of the deceased family who prayed anonymous said they have left everything to God and the Police to reveal the faces of the attackers and brought them to justice.

Confirming the incident,

The PPRO, Kwara State Police command, DSP Ajayi Okasanmi said the case has been transferred to the State's Police headquarters for proper investigation.

He revealed that some members of the cult group have been arrested while detectives have commenced manhunt for other members at large.

him to six months imprisonment.