

Suspected cultists kill policeman in Kwara

A POLICE officer, suspected to be a cult member, has been shot dead in Offa, Kwara State, bringing the number of cult-related casualties in

ection, by Reps Speaker Etteh

pay me a courtesy visit shows also that you want my progress. I will continue to appreciate this".

Meanwhile, the Governor of Jigawa State, Alhaji Sule Lamido, has called on the lower arm of the National Assembly to remain active in the best tradition of lower chambers around the world.

Lamido, who was a member of the House, said the hope for the success of the nation's democracy and civil governance lies squarely on an active legislature, "which must essentially speak the voice of the

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The killing came a few days after a man described as a student of the Federal Polytechnic, Offa, was be-

people".

Lamido, who paid a courtesy call on the Speaker at the weekend in Abuja, said his visit was aimed at seeking support for issues relating to the people of the state.

He said unless an active legislature provided conducive laws and regulation, the society could not grow.

The Governor, who was a former Minister of Foreign Affairs, congratulated the Speaker on her emergence, stressing that her election was not only historic but a measure of the development of the country's political system.

headed in his apartment at Ijagbo, a neighbouring town to Offa. While his torso was left in his apartment, his decapitated head was left near the school on display before security agents took it away.

Authorities of the polytechnic have denied that the deceased was a student of the institution, having been allegedly rusticated for offences before the incident. There are claims that the latest victim was also a student of the institution although he had just completed his course of study.

An official, who declined to speak with the press on the development, confirmed that the deceased policeman was a student of the polytechnic.

Spokesman for the Kwara State police command, Mr. Gideon Markus,

who confirmed the first incident said an undisclosed number of people had been arrested over the murder and had been transferred to the Criminal Investigation Department.

Residents of Ijagbo area were said to have woken up to the sounds of fierce gun shots about 4.00am. When the guns had subsided and fearful residents tiptoed out at the wee hours of the day, the headless body of a young man was found on the ground. Blood was still dripping from the decapitated head as at 7.00am.

The killings came just as the management of the polytechnic warned its students against participation in anti-social behaviours. It threatened to bring the full weight of the law against any offender once apprehended.