

# Suspected cult members kill three students

**T** HREE students of the Federal Polytechnic, Auchi, Edo State, have been killed by gunmen suspected to be cult members.

Sources said the students were killed in what seem like a reprisal attack by suspected cult groups.

Two students were earlier shot dead by unknown gunmen.

The last victim, identified as Amaohosa Ken Omobude of the

**From Osagie Otaber,  
Benin**

Department of Estate Management, was said to have been killed last weekend at Sabo Quarters in South-Ibie.

Omobude just completed his National Diploma (ND) programme and was about to travel, when he received a phone call.

He was said to have left his

luggage at the motor park. He was later shot.

Sources said the killings caused the two groups to start shooting sporadically. This paralysed businesses in the area.

The body of the deceased has been deposited at the mortuary.

The Police Area Commander, Andy Amiegheme, could not be reached for comments.

Chairman of the vigilance group

Braimah Izuafa said he mobilised his men immediately he received a distress call.

Izuafa said three suspects have been arrested, adding that five others were also being quizzed.

He said investigations showed that the deceased allegedly belonged to the Maifats cult group and that members of the opposing Black Axe group may have been responsible for the killing.