

Ado Ekiti

Room.

Police spokesman Lucky Uyabeme neither confirmed nor denied the allegations.

Lawrence Ibhatiri, confirmed it as an apparition, saying it occurs from time to time.

Some respondents have ascertained the reality of the image, describing it as an act of God but some said it was a make up.

Tax collectors 'kill' *suya* seller in Edo

A BARBECUE (*suya*) seller, Musa Ali, has been allegedly killed by some youths who collect night taxes from barbecue sellers, night food vendors and tea sellers.

Musa was said to have been stabbed after demanding money from the tax collectors, who bought *suya* from him.

His death made his colleagues march on the secretariat of Oredo Local Government Area demanding the abolition

From Osagie Otabor, Benin of night taxes.

One of the protesters, Usman Umaru, said: "We are made to pay N200 each night and that most time this is collected with violence and harassment.

"On the night Ali was killed, they came and he gave them money. They came back and bought *suya* but did not pay.

"When Musa asked them for money, one of the boys stabbed him and they used a stone to hit his head. They collected the

money on him and ran away."

Chairman of *suya* sellers Shehu Abdullahi said it was only in Oredo that night taxes were introduced.

He said they paid taxes at the point of purchase and could not pay another tax at the point of sales.

"Giving tickets at night as tax is not good. The chairman should cancel night tax. Why should they tax *suya* sellers after collecting tax where we buy the meat?"

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