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## Gunmen kill policeman in Edo

### CP: slain sergeant was a cultist

**G**UNMEN have killed a policeman, Oisa Monday Ehigie, in Edo State.

The deceased was the police orderly to the Chairman of Ikpoba-Okha Local Government, Dr. Eric Osayande.

He was shot dead last Saturday night at Nomayo junction, along Upper Sokponba Road, in Ikpoba-Okha Local Government.

It was learnt that his killing might be connected to the cult war in Benin City in which several persons had been killed.

Police Commissioner Hakeem Odumosun, who confirmed the incident, said he had visited the bereaved family.

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Cult-related killings in

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arrest the killers.

Last week, the All Pro-

gressive Congress (APC) candidate for Owan West Constituency, Michael Ohio Ezomo, was kid-

napped. His police orderly was killed.

The abductors are yet to contact the victim's family.

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"I was surprised. He was not in uniform. Two members of the other cult were killed."

Several persons have been killed, including a doctor at the University of Benin Teaching Hospital.

Odumosun said two other suspected cultists were killed in the shootout.

He said he was surprised that a police officer was fighting on the side of a rival cult.

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