

Ede poly students protest killing of colleague, motorcyclist

THERE was tension yesterday in Ede town, the host community of Federal Polytechnic, Osun State, as students went on the rampage to protest the killing of a prospective corps member and a commercial motorcyclist.

The Nation gathered that the prospective corps member, Hassan, had just graduated from the institution, but was still in the community to tidy up his clearance before proceeding for the compulsory youth service.

From Toba Adedeji, Osogbo

A resident of the community, Kabiru, told our correspondent that "Hassan and the motorcyclist were shot several times at Bode, via Agbalemobode, around 10pm on Wednesday.

"On Thursday morning, students thronged the streets and made bonfires at junctions. They were so violent in their protest. Shops and businesses were closed down around the

campus because the students attacked residents."

The polytechnic spokesman, Sola Lawal, confirmed the incident.

He said: "An HND graduate of Banking and Finance, Hassan Adedeji, who was awaiting the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) call-up letter, and a commercial motorcyclist were shot dead last night in Ede.

"The polytechnic management is very sad about this unfortunate incident. Let me

use this medium to appeal to our students to remain calm and law-abiding, while we await final police investigation of the dastardly act.

"May Almighty God give the bereaved family the fortitude to bear the loss."

Police spokesperson Yemisi Opalola said Rasheed Okolu, a suspected cultist, is the prime suspect in the murder case.

She said Police Commissioner Mr. Olawale Olokode had promised to bring him (Okolu) to justice.