

ND graduate killed as cultists clash with youth group in Ibadan

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A National Diploma (ND) graduate of The Polytechnic, Ibadan, Oyo State, identified as Alex Makun, was on Monday night killed, at Fanawole area, Apete, Ibadan, in a fight between a cult group and youths of the area under the name 'Apete Youth Forum'.

Makun, according to sources, was undergoing his Industrial Training programme in preparation for his High National Diploma, having completed his National Diploma at the Urban and Regional Studies

Department of the institution.

But a resident of Apete who simply identified himself as Dayo absolved the deceased of being a cult member.

Dayo added that Apete Youth Forum "is a group of youths popular for their activities at tackling cultists in the area. The student killed was not a cultist, much as I know. He was popular for tackling and preventing the activities of cult members."

On Tuesday morning, members of the Forum embarked on peaceful protest to identify with the deceased. The protest created

gridlock on Apete and Poly roads for many hours.

Sources also informed that the remains of Makun had been interred at Apete.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), ASP Adekunle Ajisebutu, con-

firmed the incident and added that some arrests had been made.

He said: "The situation has been brought under control following deployment of policemen to maintain law and order there. Some ar-

rests have been made and exhibits such as axes and cutlasses were recovered.

The state Commissioner of Police, Abiodun Odude, has directed that discrete investigation into the incident be carried out and

suspects arrested charged to court."

All efforts made to get the reaction of the Public Relations Officer of the Polytechnic, Mr. Soladoye Ade-wole, proved abortive as his lines did not go through.

3 men plot to kidnap professor in Edo

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THREE suspected young kidnappers are presently cooling off in a cell at the Edo State Police Command headquarters in Benin for allegedly plotting to kidnap Professor Joshua Unuigboje at Saborgida Ora, Owan

West Local Government of Edo State.

One of the suspects, Adamu Aminu (23) from Kaduna State, confessed that he connived with two others to kidnap the professor because his parents were poor.

He gave the names of his two accomplices as Prince Diepriye Samuel (19), an in-

digene of Rivers State and Ovie Raymond (23) from Delta State.

The suspects were to demand for N7.5 million as ransom before they were arrested.

Aminu told journalists that his father worked with the university teacher who was very good to him, but he decided to cash in on the present predicament of his

many persons were against him.

"So I said to myself that we can come up with some ideas; to try to convince him that we are working with his opponents to stop him from being crowned unless he would pay us the money we asked for."

"The professor was a good man to me. He has never punished or tortured me; but I was not that comfortable