

# Suspected cultists kill barber, student in Edo

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TWO persons were reported-  
edly gunned down by sus-  
pected cultists at different  
locations in Edo State, on  
Wednesday.

① One of the victims, a bar-  
ber, whose identity could  
not be ascertained, was  
killed at Idumwunowina  
area on Benin-Lagos high-  
way in Ovia North East  
Local Government Area,  
while a 23-year-old Na-  
tional Diploma student of  
Department of Accounting,  
Federal Polytechnic, Auchi,  
Etsako West Local Govern-  
ment Area was shot dead in  
Auchi.

② The body of the man  
killed at the barber's shop  
in the attack had since been  
deposited in an undisclosed  
mortuary in the area.

**Nigerian Tribune** learnt that recently, the barber got a loan to start a business, and had just opened his shop for the day's business at 8:00 a.m. when three gunmen stormed the place and opened fire on him.

A source who did not want his name published said that the gunmen, who came on a motorcycle, moved towards

the Oluku end of the highway unchallenged, as residents fled when they heard gunshots.

Security operatives from the Ugbowo and Ekiadolor police divisions were reported to have stormed the scene to track down the culprits, but to no avail.

The student, identified as Emmanuel Aronokhale, an indigene of Okpella, Etsako East Local Government Area was reportedly killed at about 8:00 p.m., on Tuesday night in his Iyakpi, South Ibie residence at second Bawak.

The student was said to be relaxing in front of the hostel with his fellow students when he was attacked by the gunmen, who ordered everyone into their various rooms and robbed them of cash and mobile phones.

The student was said to have been shot at close range and died on the spot.

Sources disclosed that the remains of the student had since been deposited in a mortuary at Auchi Area.

When contacted, the state police spokesman, Mr. Chidi Nwabuzor, said he was not aware of the deaths of the student and barber.