

Poly student axed to death in Delta

Gunmen kill plumber in Delta varsity community

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ASSAILANTS suspected to be cultists have reportedly axed a male student of the Delta State Polytechnic, Oghara, Ethiope West Local Government Area, to death.

Details of the identity of the deceased and killing were still sketchy at the time of filing this report.

In an incident said to have happened on Saturday evening on the campus ground, speculations have it that the killing could be cult-related, just as a picture of the deceased sighted had several cuts to his head.

The Delta State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Onome Onovwakpoyeya, who confirmed the incident on Sunday evening, said: "It is true. The report is that the girl (girlfriend to the deceased) said she and her boyfriend went to settle scores with one lecturer somewhere and as they were coming out of the place, about four people dragged the boyfriend into the bush.

"She was the one who ran to the police to report. When the police got there, they found he was stabbed with an axe.

"So police took him to a hospital and doctor confirmed he was already dead," the PPRO said.

In a related development, gunmen have killed a plumber identified as Emeka Ojere, at Ugbomro, host to the Federal University of Petroleum Resources (FUPRE), in Uvwie Local Government Area of Delta State.

The father of three, it was learnt, hails from Oyoko-Abavo in Ika South Local Government Area of the state, but was resident at the RTI axis of Effurun in Uvwie Local Government Area.

It was gathered on Sunday that Ojere was shot dead in his G-LK Mercedes car on Saturday at Ugbomro community.

The deceased's driver, identified as Mr Egbehon, disclosed to newsmen that he was in the car with his boss and another occupant when the gunmen swooped on them and shot at the deceased, killing him instantly.

While adding that late Ojere trained him in plumbing, Egbehon narrated further that they were on a visit to a kinsman when the incident happened.

"We went to Ogbomro community to visit one of our kinsmen, but suddenly gunmen blocked us and asked us to lie down. And Oga was shot at and they left," Egbehon said.

It was gathered that the car in which the deceased was killed was not stolen and no other occupant was shot or money stolen from them, bringing in the suspicion that Ojere could have been a victim of assassination.

With the killing already reported at Ebrumede police station, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Delta State police command, DSP Onome Onovwakpoyeya, confirmed the incident.

He said operatives of the command were already on the trail of the assailants.