Two Feared Dead, Delta Poly Shut As Suspected Rival Cults Clash

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Delta State Polytechnic, Otefe-Oghara was, on Tuesday, shut for two weeks following the alleged killing of two persons by suspected rival cultists.

Otefe-Oghara is in Ethiope West Local Government Area of Delta State.

The two suspected rival cults, Black Axe and Vikings cult groups, were said to engage in a bloody clash leading to the killings.

A Higher National Diploma (HND) student, who confided in our correspondent, said the incident happened between 8:00 a.m and 9:00 a.m on Tuesday.

"We were in the class, as usual, waiting for our lecturer to come and take us for the day when we saw 10 well-dressed strange boys entering into the class.

"The way they were walking, was like they were looking for someone and when they didn't see the person, they left and went into about three other classes before finally going to the cafeteria.

"It wasn't up to five minutes when a guy ran into a building in the Business Admission Block.

"It wasn't long when we heard that someone had been killed; though I didn't go to the scene, I saw people bringing out the guy severely injured," the female Business Administration student narrated.

Another student who witnessed the incident said that after chasing the boy to the block, they used a brick to smash his head.

"The injured boy was then rushed to the medical centre, but the astonishing thing was that the suspected guys freely walked out of the school gate majestically as if nothing had happened.

"When they brought the injured to the medical centre, instead of the nurses to attend to him, they were asking questions at the same time saying they should take him to the hospital, but before they got to the hospital, the guy had died.

"The guy is in Business Administration ND1," the female student noted, decrying the parlous security state on the campus.

Further report gathered revealed that besides another person killed at another location in the community, one of the fleeing armed cultists was shot and another arrested by security operatives who arrived at the scene.

The shot suspected cultist is said to be receiving treatment at an undisclosed hospital.

Acting Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Bright Edafe, was on another call when our correspondent contacted, just as he was yet to respond to a WhatsApp message sent to his handle.

Meanwhile, following the tension building up in the Polytechnic community over heinous cult activities, the polytechnic management on Tuesday swiftly declared a two-week mid-semester break to save its students from further killing.

In a circular issued and signed by the Registrar of the institution, Umukoro Lawrence Mudiaga, the institution asked the students to immediately vacate the campus and return on September 14 to continue the semester.

He warned that any student still found loitering around the school campus during the break would be handed over to security agencies for prosecution.