## Two students feared killed in Kwara cult raid

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TWO persons suspected to be students of the Kwara State Polytechnic were feared killed in a raid by operatives of the Special Tactical Squad (STS), Federal Investigation Bureau (FIB) of the Nigeria Police at Oyun area in the Ilorin East Local Government Area of the state.

that the incident happened when security operatives came on the trail of some cultists at Lajolo community, a settlement located near the institution and inhabited by a number of students of the institution.

It was gathered that the raid started on Friday night and lasted till the early hours of Saturday, with some residents of the community reported to have prevented the arrest of the people in the area by the security operatives.

Confirming the incident, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) of the state command, Okasanmi Ajayi, said that the pandemonium in the area on Saturday was as a result of the attack unleashed on a team of police detectives who came on the trail of some cultists in the area.

Okasanmi, who said that some suspected cultists had killed a student of the Kwara State University (KWASU) on Friday, added that a student of the *Kwarapoly* was also killed by the same gang of

suspected cultists on Saturday morning.

He said that the state Commissioner of Police, Tuesday Assayomo, had detailed a detachment of police operatives to the area to restore calm.

It was gathered that the security operatives had left the scene on Friday night and returned to the area on Saturday morning to continue the raid, a development that angered the residents.

Pandemonium was said to have broken out as a result of the attack unleashed on the team of police detectives.

It was gathered that the policemen shot into the air, while stray bullets reportedly hit some people inside their houses in the area.

In the ensuing chaotic atmosphere, the students of the institution mobilised at the entrance gate of the school in protest of the reported killing of one of them by the police.

The chaos prevented some students of the institution from writing their ongoing first semester CBT examinations.

The Public Relations Officer of the institution, Abdulkadir Yunus, said that the school's management had agreed to reschedule the affected examinations.

Yunus said the incident at Lajolo community Saturday morning was between the police and the community and had nothing to do with the students or the campus.

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