

3 Suspected cultists kill youth leader in A'ibom community

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THE youth president of Inen clan in Oruk Anam Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State, Hezekiah John Adalden, has been beheaded by suspected cultists.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that the incident occurred on Sunday night when suspected cultists known by the deceased visited him.

It was gathered that the deceased entertained his visitors with drinks before another group descended on him while they were still drinking.

An eyewitness who pleaded anonymity said the cultists caught the youth president, dragged him to a corner in his compound, beat him to a coma and cut off his head.

The source said the hoodlums poured the soup which his wife cooked on her head, before they carted away valuables from the house and escaped with his head.

"Till now, we cannot understand what happened.

The cultists arrived at the compound at a very odd hour, and since they are known by the youth president, he offered them drinks.

"While they were drinking, another group that was well-armed arrived and were very violent. They dragged the victim to a corner of his compound and killed him.

"In fact, they beheaded him and escaped with the head after they had tortured his wife and poured the soup which she cooked on her head."

Confirming the incident, the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), SP Odiko McDon, described the killing as barbaric, just as he assured that the perpetrators would be caught.

He said the Commissioner of Police, Olatoye Durosini, had already ordered the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID) to commence investigations into the matter.

"There is an ongoing manhunt in the area for the perpetrators," the police spokesperson said.