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# Tricycle operator killed as cultists clash in Kwara

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A 23-year-old commercial tricycle operator, simply identified as Samad, has been killed during a cult clash in Ilorin, the Kwara State capital.

It was gathered that members of a secret cult group killed the tricycle operator and dumped his corpse in front of a mosque at Abayawo area of Ilorin.

An eyewitness said after the cultists had shot the

tricycle operator dead, they removed his left eye and cut off his left hand.

It was gathered that the attack occurred at about 12:00 midnight on Sunday, which made residents of Abayawo and Gambari communities apprehensive.

Sources said members of the rival cult groups engaged each other using guns and other dangerous weapons in a supremacy battle.

A resident of Abayawo

who declined to give his name said some young men suspected to be cultists stormed the community in tricycles at about 9:00p.m on Sunday armed with guns and other dangerous weapons.

The source added that the men began shooting sporadically since 9:00pm, adding that Samad met his death at about 4:00a.m. when he came out and was ambushed by the cult members.

The source said: "It was

while Samad was trying to maneuver his way through one corner that he was chased and shot.

"After he was confirmed to have died, his corpse was dragged to the main road in front of the mosque, while his left eye and left hand were removed and taken away."

It was gathered that the remains of the deceased were taken to the Moslem cemetery at Osere, Ilorin on Monday morning for burial.