

# Gunmen kill two in Abeokuta

**Suspected cultists kill groom-to-be in Edo**

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**T**WO persons were killed in the early hours of Monday within the Government Reservation Area of Ibara, Abeokuta, the Ogun State capital, by unknown gunmen.

This was contained in a statement made available to newsmen on Monday by the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Ogun State police command, SP Omolola Odutola.

Odutola said two other persons sustained bullet injuries, while the gunmen were said to be three in number.

The PPRO stated that the incident occurred at about 12:30a.m. at a social joint parking lot in the area.

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"The assailants opened fire, hitting one Ola (surname unknown) and one Shobanke Oluwatimileyin and two others.

"The Divisional Police Officer from Ibara, responding to distress calls, arrived at the scene and ensured the area was secured before transporting the victims to the hospital.

"Upon their arrival, the attending doctor confirmed two fatalities, while the other

two individuals are receiving medical attention at the Federal Medical Centre, Idi Aba, Abeokuta," she said.

The police spokesperson hinted that preliminary investigation had been initiated to examine the factors leading to the two deaths and to assess any potential links to cult activities.

"The public will be informed about the progress of the investigation in the coming days, as a follow up to arrest the fleeing suspects," she said.

In a related development, gunmen suspected to be cultists have killed a man whose wedding was scheduled for December in Edo, the **News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)** has reported.

The victim, simply identified as Danladi, was report-

edly killed at a friend's shop located about 100 metres from the Esigie Police Division in Oredo Local Government Area, one of the municipal council areas in the state.

A source, who pleaded anonymity, said Danladi was sitting in the shop when the gunmen emerged from a GLK Mercedes Benz SUV and shot him twice at close range.

"Danladi was an easy going guy. He was the son of Seriki Hausa in the area.

"He had started sending invitation cards for his wedding to guests. He was billed to tie the knot with his partner in December," the source said.

When contacted, the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), SP Moses Yamu, regretted the renewed cult killings in the state.