

Cultists shoot one suspected rival dead, injure another in Ibadan

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THREE cultists suspected to be members of Aiye Confraternity shot dead a 27-year-old man, Oyelayo Segun Dolapo, after inflicting several cuts on his head with an axe at the second gate of The Polytechnic, Ibadan, along Ijokodo-Apete road at about 9:00a.m. on Saturday.

The deceased's friend, Ramoni Fagboyin, who was with him, was also shot in the thigh and had his head axed, but managed to escape.

After the attack, the cultists then left him in a pool of blood and escaped.

Nigerian Tribune learnt that Fagboyin ran to Apete police station to lodge a complaint after his escape, and was put in protective custody.

The police in Apete Division, led by the Divisional Police Officer, were said to have gone to the scene of the incident, recovered the remains of the deceased and conveyed it to the mortuary at the State Hospital, Adeoyo, Ring Road, Ibadan, for preser-

vation and autopsy.

Fagboyin was also transferred to the Anti-Cultism Unit of the state police command for investigation.

There is suspicion that the deceased belonged to a rival cult group, Eiye Confraternity, and his killing might have been a display of power supremacy or reprisal attack.

The story was confirmed by the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), SP Adewale Osifeso, who said said investigation had already commenced into the case.