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Cultists besiege Yabatech, shoot two students

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One of the students of Yaba College of Technology, Yaba, Lagos, who was shot on the campus on Monday, has been confirmed dead.

The victim, identified as Samuel Okeme, and another whose name was given as Tijani Shakiru, were reportedly shot by suspected cultists.

Our correspondent learnt that a group of cultists from other higher institutions besieged the campus at about 10pm, armed with dangerous weapons.

Although the cause of the shooting could not be confirmed, it was gathered that the cultists engaged one another in an attempt to win the love of some ladies on the campus.

Besides, the shooting which lasted for about 30 minutes and threw the entire campus into pandemonium, took place very close to one of the female hostels.

It was learnt that all the fear-stricken ladies quickly switched off the electric bulbs in their rooms and remained silent as the shoot-out lasted.

Within minutes, two of the students, Okeme and Shakiru had been hit by bullets and were writhing in pain.

As the shooting persisted, a distress call was sent to the police at the state Criminal Investigation Department, Panti, Yaba.

A team of policemen was dispatched to the campus. Some members of the institution, who promptly identified the victims as students, assisted the police to rush them to the hospital.

Our correspondent learnt that Okeme later died in the hospital while doctors were still striving to save Shakiru's life.

Spokesman for the Lagos State Police Command, Mr. Olubode Ojajuni, who confirmed the incident to our correspondent on Wednesday, stated that two suspects were arrested.

Ojajuni gave the names of the suspects as Amachukwu Ochougba, a 400-level student of the University of Lagos, and Ifeanyi Anozie of no fixed address.

The PPRO said the case was being investigated, adding that the police were making effort to arrest other members of the killer gang.

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