

Cult clash claims life in Nasarawa Poly

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A student of the Nasarawa State Polytechnic has been confirmed dead and many others injured in a clash between rival cult groups at Community area of the institution. An eyewitness, who spoke on condition of anonymity, told *Saturday PUNCH* that the incident happened on Friday morning.

The witness suspected that the secret cult members were fighting over a woman.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Nasarawa State Command, Sumaila Numan, confirmed the incident in a telephone interview with our correspondent in Lafia.

Numan added that the command had recovered the body of the slain secret cult member.

Numan said investigation had commenced into the incident.

He said, "We recovered the body of the deceased with wounds on his body at Obi 11 Community area of the polytechnic and that is what the command knows about the incident.

"Investigation into the incident is ongoing to ascertain what actually led to the killing."

Meanwhile, personnel of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps in Nasarawa State have arrested two persons for allegedly diverting 11,000 litres of petrol in the state.

While parading the suspects, identified as Mr. Isah Yunusa and Usman Yunusa, at the NSCDC office, the Deputy Commandant of the Corps, Mr. Alexander Barinde said the suspects and the product were intercepted following a tip-off.

Barinde, who affirmed that the corps has a mandate to check the activities of vandals and other related offences across the country, reiterated the command's readiness to be more proactive in the discharge of its duties.

He said the command would not condone any criminal act that would jeopardise government's efforts to make the product available for the people.

He said, "It is on this basis that men of the command arrested the truck which was trying to siphon petrol from Yumaco filling station, Mararaba, along Abuja-Makurdi road, Lafia, following a tip-off."

Consequently, the Deputy Commandant and other officers accompanied the truck back to the filling station as they supervised the offloading of the product, where they ordered the manager to sell the product at government approved price.

He, however, said the command would partner other sister agencies to ensure that petrol is sold at government approved price.