

Man with hemp killed in Kwara cult clash

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A clash between some rival cult members at the Oja-Gbooro area of Ilorin, in the Ilorin East Local Government Area of Kwara State, has claimed the life of a middle-aged man. The police said the victim's pocket was filled

with wraps of weed suspected to be Indian hemp.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Ajayi Okasanmi, in a statement on Tuesday, said the incident occurred around 7.30pm on Monday when policemen on surveillance at the Gambari area which was close to the scene

heard a gunshot.

"At the scene, the body of an unidentified adult was found in a pool of blood. A gunshot injury to his head was observed. The victim was quickly rushed to the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital. He was confirmed dead after an examination by the doctor on duty.

"In a bid to identify the victim, a search

on his body was conducted. Nothing was found in his pockets to identify him except some weeds suspected to be Indian hemp. However, the body has been deposited at the same hospital's mortuary for an autopsy," he added.

Okasanmi said the state Commissioner of Police had ordered a manhunt for the perpetrators of the crime.