

Suspected cultists kill tricycle operator in Anambra

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Map of Anambra State

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Some yet-to-be-identified assailants wielding guns and dangerous weapons, who are suspected to be cultists, have shot and killed an unidentified tricycle operator.

It was gathered that the incident happened near the back gate of the Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, late on Tuesday night.

The deceased was said to be returning to his house when the assailants accosted and shot him, thereby leaving him in a pool of his blood.

An eyewitness, who is a student at the university, said, “Residents and students are currently living in fear due to the incessant killings and shootings.

“For the past two or three days, there have been records of young people being gunned down and that of today (Tuesday) has happened at Unizik school gate in Ifite, Awka.”

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The state Police Public Realtion Officer, DSP Toochukwu Ikenga, who confirmed the incident said it was cult related.

Ikenga added that security operatives have intensified surveillance in the area.

“Our operatives have been deployed in the area and the situation is closely monitored. Preliminary information showed that the shooting is a result of a cult-related clash between two rival groups.

“Police patrols have been intensified within Awka and other parts of the state,” he said.