

Two poly students killed in cult war

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TWO suspected cult members were on Tuesday evening killed in an inter-cult clash between rival groups at Onikolobo area of Abeokuta, the Ogun State capital.

The violence which left the first victim shot dead occurred at about 4pm opposite the Bishop's Court in the Onikolobo area with residents scampering to safety.

Daily SUN could however not confirm the killing of the second person as at press time.

Suspected members of two rival cult groups, the *Bucaneer* and the *Eye Confraternity* were said to have earlier engaged themselves in a shoot-out in the area.

A witness who identified himself as Olawale said some students of the Moshood Abiola Polytechnic were on procession in the area to celebrate the conclusion of their second semester examinations when gun shots started booming in the area.

According to him, "It was this normal rituals that they were carrying out when this repeated gun shots were heard. Before we knew what was happening, a young man was shot dead and his lifeless body was lying on the road."

When our correspondent visited the scene of the incident, two vans fully loaded with police operatives from Adigbe Divisional Police Headquarters arrived and took the corpse of the suspected cult member away.

Charms popularly called "*onde*" in Yoruba were found on the dead suspected cult member.

Speaking on the incident, the MAPOLY Public Relations Officer, Sulaimon Adebisi said, "I'm here because I received a call just as many of us did that there was a student of ours lying lifeless on the road and the spontaneous reaction is to confirm if the report was true or not and that is why we are here."

"But having got here, in the presence of the police officers as well as members of the public, we ordered the immediate search of the bag on him, his pockets and other areas where we felt that records can be kept on his body. We found some items in his body but there was nothing. I repeat for emphasis sake, there was nothing indicating him being our student."

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