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Cultists kill LG staff in Lagos

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A 43-year-old Mr. Wale Orebelu was gunned down yesterday by suspected cultists at Odogunyan area of Ikorodu, Lagos State.

According to his neighbours at 31 Okeowo Street residence, Oredola, who was a council staff, woke up early to assist his widow, Olamide in ironing their children's school uniforms. Soon after, he reportedly came to the verandah of their unfenced apartment, when suddenly, some young men on five motor-cycles drove past his house, he reportedly made attempt to escape.

He was, however, unlucky as the boys halted their movement with one of them asking him, "so, you recognise us." As he was responding that he never knew or recognised any of them, one pulled out a gun and shot him repeatedly in his private

part.

His wife and sisters were attracted by the gunshots, but the assailants sped off. He shouted for help. Neighbours took him to hospital in a tricycle. It was gathered that the gunmen laid ambush and blocked the access road, thereby preventing the tricyclist from taking him to the hospital.

He reportedly died after about an hour before policemen arrived.

Scores of sympathisers who thronged his residence were mourning and asking what would the father of four do to deserve such killing. Some exonerated Orebelu from belonging to any cult group.

He was described as peaceful and non-violent and wondered why anybody would want him dead.

His remains were buried at noon. No arrest has been made yet.