

Police launch investigation into UNIBEN student's killing

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The Edo State Police Command, yesterday, said it had begun investigation into the killing of a final year student of the University of Benin (UNIBEN), known as “Mayor”.

The Public Relations Officer of the command, Chidi Nwabuzor, made the disclosure, yesterday, in Benin City.

He said: “Investigation has fully commenced as ordered by the Commissioner of Police, Muhammed Dankwara, and the outcome of it would be made public.

“Preliminary investigation revealed that the victim was a member of a secret confraternity, Mafat,” he said.

A final year student of the University of Benin (UNIBEN), identified as Mayor, was, on Monday night, killed by a gunman suspected to be a cultist.

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It was learnt that the final year student of the Public Administration Department was shot dead by gunmen in his Hall 3 hostel room at about 9pm.

It was gathered that the student was shot in the face at close range, killing him on the spot while the lone gunman escaped.

The development was said to have caused panic in the institution as students scampered for safety.

Meanwhile, the institution's Public Relations Officer, Dr. Benedicta Ehanire, in a statement condemned the killing. She advised other students to remain calm as the police and other security agencies were working hard to fish out and arrest the culprit.

Ehanire said the authorities were working closely with the internal security units of the institution towards ensuring that such an incident does not happen again within the school's premises.

