

# Suspected cultists kill soldier, 3 civilians in Benue

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**Gunmen suspected to be cult boys have killed four persons in North Bank Area of Makurdi, the Benue State capital.**

Recall also that on Thursday, November 14, 2024, a bus driver was killed in the area while conveying his passengers to Makurdi town.

Sunday Sun correspondent gathered that the new incident happened Friday night around Court Five few meters to the River Benue bridge.

The Commander of Operation Shara (Operation Sweep), a local vigilante group in the area, Mr Nura Umar, confirmed this yesterday to newsmen on the phone in Makurdi.

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Umar said: “Around 10 to 11pm, on Friday, a soldier was killed and two boys were also killed around the Court Five.”

He wondered why the soldier and the boys were killed saying, “Those boys (the deceased) were not cultists. Those who shot them suspected they were cultists and gunned them down. Then the day before yesterday (Thursday), one person (suspected cultist) who was sleeping in his house was also killed.”

When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Benue State Command, SP Catherine Anene, confirmed the cult-related killings in North Bank saying only one civilian was killed.

She stated that police officers have been deployed to the area to maintain law and order.