

Suspected Cultists Kill Youths' President in Akwa

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Suspected cultists have killed the Youth President of Atai Ibiaku community in Itu Local Government Area, Mr. Edet Ibanga, and left many people wounded in Uyo, Akwa Ibom State capital.

Sources said Ibanga was shot dead yesterday when armed

hoodlums numbering about 18 invaded a building principally occupied by students of the University of Uyo (UNIUYO) along Urua Ekpa Road, in search of a man over unresolved issues with his girlfriend.

An eye witness, Mr. Imoh Ekim, said: "The incident happened around 1:00 a.m. on Wednesday, when the hoodlums

stormed the compound in search of one man, who was having an issue with his girlfriend.

"The deceased, being the youths' president had to rush from his compound to the opposite compound at Urua Ekpa Road upon hearing the sound of gunshot and heated arguments involving the people

"He was shot in the chest immediately he opened the gate of the compound trying to enter with a view to settling the dispute, but oblivious of the fact that one armed cultist, stationed at the gate opened fire directly and he went down."

Ekim said that the body of the youth leader has deposited in a mortuary.