Renewed Cult Clash Claims Two in Ambrose Alli Varsity

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A rival cult clash has reportedly claimed the lives of two students of Edo State-owned Ambrose Ali University (AAU), Ekpoma, Esan West Local Government Area of the state.

The students were said to have been shot dead by gunmen last Friday with an official of the institution's students' union among the victims.

The student, a 400-level undergraduate in the Faculty of Agriculture was allegedly killed at the Poultry Road extension in Ekpoma.

It was gathered that the killings came less than 48 hours after one Eddy was beaten and left to die by a group of persons for allegedly purchasing items with "fake bank alert."

The news of Eddy's ordeal was said to have been misconstrued for an attack by rival cult members to the effect that he was killed.

The misrepresentation of facts reportedly led to a retaliation by a rival cult group, resulting to fatality of the two students on Friday.

Edo Command Public Relations Officer of the Nigeria Police, Superintendent Chidi Nwabuzor, confirmed the killings.

"Yes, the command is aware of it and investigation is ongoing in the matter and some suspects have been arrested," he said.