

Cultists stab ex-NYSC member to death in Bayelsa

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YENAGOA—TRAGEDY struck Monday night at the Obele slum of Ovom, Yenagoa, the Bayelsa State

grade Calabar Hospital

pital would be extended to other areas because "it is government's wish that every hospital be raised to a minimum standard."

He further noted "to achieve this, the hospital will be equipped and the personnel trained and retrained to meet the requirements of serving the patients adequately", promising that government would look into the issue of allowances and salaries of health staff as a way of motivating them.

The medical superintendent of the General Hospital, Dr. Itam Essien, who received and conducted the governor round the hospital told the governor of the hospital's need for adequate subvention "to enable the hospital live up to its billing."

capital when suspected cultists stabbed a 27 year old ex National Youth Service Corps member, Akinwumi Tunde Augustine to death.

Eyewitnesses told *Vanguard* that the deceased a "batch A" member of the NYSC that passed out last February was ambushed by three hefty men around 8pm along Obele Street while returning from an outing.

Although it could not be ascertained if his assailants were truly cultists as being speculated by witnesses, it was however learnt that he was dispossessed of his handsets and other valuables.

The deceased was said to have struggled with his assailants to save his dear life before he was viciously stabbed close to the heart. One account had it that the deceased was stabbed while struggling with the hoodlums who attempted to snatch his mobile handset.

But one of his confidants faulted this submission, as he stated that the deceased two handsets including the earpiece were found on him. Akinwumi only managed to rush to his rented apartment, hoping to get help which eventually did not come as he slumped by his door post having lost so much blood.

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