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## One dies as rival cultists clash in Ilorin

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**I**LORIN—RIVAL suspected students cultists of the University of Ilorin clashed last week in Tanke area of Ilorin, heavily populated by the students.

During the gun battle, one of the suspected students cultists identified as Tunde Babasola, 100 level student of Economics of the institution was killed by gun shots.

Eye witness account told *Vanguard* that the five-man gang had trailed their rivals to a joint along Pipeline area, off Tanke roundabout in a sky blue coloured Toyota salon car.

The other group, apparently aware that they were being trailed fired gun shots at their assailants immediately they sighted the Toyota car following which exchange of sporadic gun shots ensued.

Pandemonium broke out in the area as residents ran to avoid being hit by stray bullets.

One of the assailants, Tunde was not that lucky as gun shots hit him severally on the left side of his chest, then the

salon car with the occupants fled unhurt giving the impression that Tunde was their target.

With blood gushing out of his body, Tunde according to eye witness account managed to reach for help from the staff of the nearby hotel, since his group members have deserted him.

But on getting to the gate of the hotel, he fell and died there before any help could come.

A student, who simply identified herself as Lattefat, resident in the area bemoaned the incessant attack of cultists in the area and called on the university authority to collaborate with the appropriate security agencies in the state.

Contacted, the Spokesman of the police in the state, DSP Markus Gideon said that police investigation among the students confirmed the development stressing that efforts were on, to track down those he described as king pin cultists in the area.

But in a swift reaction, The Deputy Director of Information of the university, Alhaji Isiaka Aliagan denied that the deceased student was a student of the institution.