

Cross River cultists kill man who took refuge in nursery school

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CALABAR—Suspected cult members have shot a man, who ran into Government Primary School, Henshaw Town, along Egerton, in Calabar, Cross River State capital.



The incident, *Vanguard* gathered, occurred on Wednesday around 10a.m., when an unregistered tricycle conveying three occupants got to the area from Ekeng Ewa Street.

An eyewitness, Peter Martins, said when the victim and some of his friends sighted the suspected cult members, they jumped into the classroom through the window and disrupted examinations being written by pupils in the nursery section.

SUSPECTED CULTISTS—Suspected cult members paraded by the Second Brigade of Nigerian Army in Port Harcourt, Rivers State, yesterday. Photo: NAN.

He revealed that the cult members jumped into the classroom, chased him around, shot him several times and inflicted machete cuts on him.

Commotion in class

Martins said: “They drove on a tricycle, popularly referred to as *Keke*. The victim did not die as at the time he was taken away to unknown destination by a Good Samaritan.

“The unregistered tricycle came in from Ewa Ekeng, stopped at Egerton for the occupants, who had guns, to step down before chasing the man, who was standing with his friends.

“The man ran into the school and jumped through the window into the class where the pupils were writing their exams.

“The traumatised pupils ran around the classroom, while the cultists chased the man until they shot him.

“After shooting him, he fell down bleeding. But they used a machete to inflict more injuries on him. The children, aged between five and seven years, were in the classroom because that place is the nursery section of the school.

“After shooting him, they moved down towards Obong’s Palace, stood there for a while and thereafter, entered the *Keke* and went away.”

Police story

Contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer, Irene Ugbo, said she was not aware of the incident, but promised to investigate the matter with a view to bringing the culprits to book.