Makurdi varsity final year student hacked to death by cultists

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MAKURDI—A final year student of Benue State University, BSU, Makurdi, Isaac Nyiyongo, was Wednesday evening reportedly hacked to death by suspected rival cult members within the premises of the institution.

An eyewitness, who is also a student of the institution, said the deceased was killed at 7:30 pm after he was chased from outside the campus by a gang of about four cult members, who caught up with him near the school library and hacked him with dangerous weapons.

He said: "When they caught up with him near the library, they all descended on him with axes and knives, leaving him dead in his pool of blood.

"We are pained and worried because the raging cult war and killings of BSU students in recent time are not a good development and we are all living in fear since it seems the management of the institution is helpless."

Reacting, Vice-Chancellor of the institution, Prof. Moses Kembe, said the deceased was a Political Science student, who last renewed his registration in the institution in 2016/2017 as a 200 level student.

According to Kembe, "on March 11, 2020, at about 7.30 pm, there occurred the unfortunate incident of killing of Isaac Nyiyongo, who last registered in the 2016/2017 as a 200 level student in the Department of Political Science. He was killed on the university campus by suspected cultists.

"It is regrettable and saddening that this should be happening on the campus, which has over the recent past achieved a high standard of peace, security and stability even in the smooth running of the academic calendar," he said.

Contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer, Deputy Superintendent, DSP, Catherine Anene, confirmed the incident.