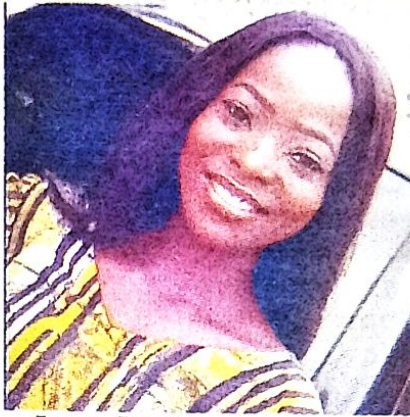


Suspected cultists shoot Makurdi varsity female student



Late Jessica.

By Peter Duru

MAKURDI—A female student of Benue State University, Miss Jessica Agee, was Monday night reportedly shot dead at her Gyado Villa residence, adjacent to the campus, by unknown gunmen suspected to be cultists.

An eyewitness, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the armed men broke into the residence of the student at about 10 pm, shot her and fled.

He said: "The young men suspected to be cultists stormed her one-room apartment at about 10 pm shot her and ran away without picking anything from the house."

"The sound of the gunshot created pandemonium in Gyado Villa, especially among the large BSU students community, who reside in that area of Makurdi town."

Vanguard also gathered that earlier in the day, the institution had witnessed heavy sporadic gunshots by unknown persons at the vicinity of the Faculty of Law, creating fear and anxiety in the institution.

Though no official statement has been issued by the institution on the matter, Head of Information of the university, Mr Tser Vanger, who confirmed the earlier sporadic shooting around the law faculty, said he had no detail of the murder of the female student.

Contacted, Dean of Students Affairs, Prof. Emmanuel Ortor, said: "I have been sick and have not been to the office for some time now so I have no detail of the incident."

The Police Public Relations Officer, Catherine Anene, who confirmed the murder, said the body of the student had been deposited in a morgue while an investigation into the matter was ongoing.