

LASU Student Dies After Armed Robbery Attack

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A student of Lagos State University has died from injuries sustained during an armed robbery attack in the Iba area of Lagos.

The deceased, identified as Otabor Boluwatife Joseph, was a student of the Department of History and International Studies, Faculty of Arts.

In a statement issued by the Acting Coordinator, Centre for Information and Public Relations, Mr Olaniyi Jeariogbe on Thursday, the university said the attack occurred off campus on the night of May 29, 2026, when Otabor and his friends were attacked by armed robbers.

“The Management of Lagos State University received with profound sadness the news of the death of one of its students, OTABOR Boluwatife Joseph (Matric No. 240341269) of the Department of History and International Studies, Faculty of Arts, following injuries sustained during an armed robbery attack in the Iba area of Lagos,” the statement read.

The university said it immediately responded after receiving reports of the incident. According to the statement, the Acting Dean of Students’ Affairs, Dr Abiodun Fatai-Abatan, provided support, briefed the Vice-Chancellor and maintained contact with medical personnel involved in the student’s treatment while monitoring developments throughout his hospitalisation.

Otabor later died on Tuesday, June 2, 2026.

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Following his death, representatives of the university met with his family, officials of the Lagos State University Teaching Hospital and law enforcement authorities.

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The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Ibiyemi Olatunji-Bello, extended condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of the deceased on behalf of the university community.

The university also prayed for the repose of Otabor’s soul and urged that those responsible for the attack be brought to justice.