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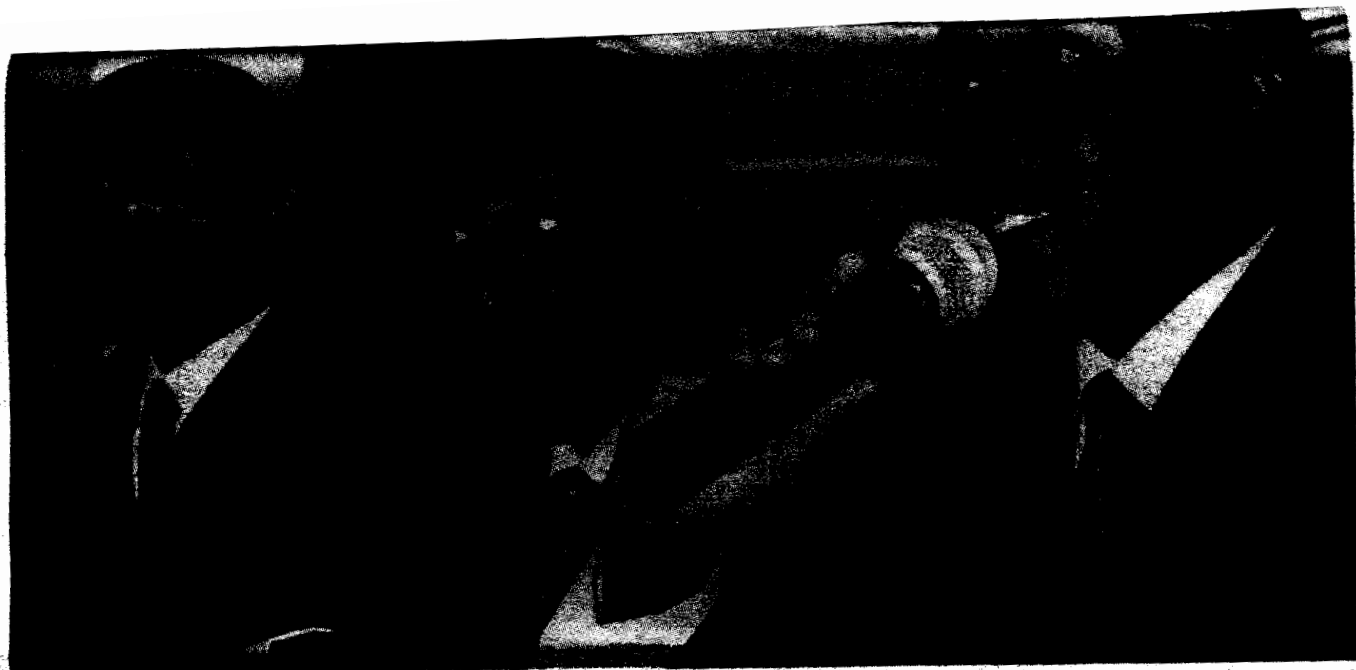
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OFFICIAL LISTING... Chairman, First Inland Bank, Dr Theo Osanakpo (SAN) speaking at the listing of the bank's shares at the Nigerian Stock Exchange (NSE) in Lagos, yesterday. With him are Managing Director/CEO, Mr Okey Nwosu (l) and NSE Assistant Director-General, Mr Lance Musa Elakama. Photo: Kingston Daniel

Decomposing body of OOU lecturer found

LA ADEPOJU, Abeokuta

AGO-IWOYE, Ogun State was yesterday thrown into mourning following the shocking discovery of the body of an English lecturer, Barrister Seun Oyedola.

had earlier declared missing.

Daily Champion had yesterday exclusively reported the sudden disappearance of Oyedola since last Friday's fierce clash between two rival cults.

dead.

However, shock and disbelief became the lots of students and staff of OOU as well as the host community when the lifeless and already decomposing body of Oyedola was found at an

uncultivated farmland behind Popoola Hospital Hostel at Ijebu-Igbo.

The offensive odour which enveloped the vicinity as well as the unusual gathering of flies

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reportedly attracted the search group which comprised the OOU management members, the Police and Vigilance group to the site of the fallen lecturer.

Daily Champion gathered that when the search team eventually sighted the lecturer, his remains were in a sorry state.

His legs were badly matcheted while a cellophane material tied around his head was used to cover his mouth, nostril and face in a crude manner.

The institution's Public Relations Officer (PRO), Mr. Niyi Oduwale, who confirmed the incident to our correspondent on his mobile phone said the management believed that Oyedola was attacked by a yet to be identified person or group who after the attack dumped him at the back of Popoola Hospital, Hostel at

Ijebu-Igbo.

Besides, Oduwale whose voice was unsteady while speaking said the authorities could not "ascertain whether Oyedola was attacked by cultists or whether any part of his body has been tampered with as at press time".

Reacting, Head of English Department where Oyedola lectured before his death, Dr. Samson Dare in a phone chat with our correspondent said "it was a cult violence that culminated in his death".

Dare, a renowned Tribune Newspapers Language and Style teacher cum columnist who said he was "in a very bad mood to talk" described Oyedola's death as a "too costly death for the Department of English".

He described the manner of his death as "too severe, too drastic, too primitive and too

backward".

When contacted on phone for comments at about 2:28 p.m. yesterday, the state Police Command Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Mr. Femi Awoyale said he was still gathering details on the incident, adding that he will get back after getting the consent of his boss.

Oyedola reportedly left his office at OOU Permanent site last week Friday for Ijebu-Igbo, where two rival cults clashed about an hour after his departure from office.

Two suspected cultists were killed in the clash after which Oyedola's whereabouts became unknown and he was declared missing on Monday.

Only last week, Oyedola's colleague in the English Department, Mr. Wale Oyedele shocked the academic community with his sudden death.

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