

Students set ablaze Oba's palace in Osun

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ANGRY students of Osun State College of Education, Ilesa, yesterday torched the palace of the traditional ruler of Ijesaland, Oba Adekunle Aromolaran, following a protest over the death of a female colleague, simply identified as Ronke, who was allegedly killed by armed robbers.

The deceased was killed by armed robbers in the early hours of yesterday, while most students were injured.

Ronke died on her way to a hospital following the refusal of the authorities of the Wesley Guild Hospital and Obafemi Awolowo University Teaching Hospital (OAUTH), Ile-Ife to

attend to her.

Since doctors in the two hospitals are currently on strike, it was gathered that the students decided to take their protest to the Oba's palace.

The robbers have been terrorizing students in the town and some weeks ago, some female students of the college were raped by these men of the underworld.

The protesting students hinged their protest on the fact that their repeated appeals for protection in the area were ignored, hence their decision to vent their anger on the Monarch. Property destroyed in the palace included furniture items while

other valuable materials worth several thousands of naira were burnt by the students.

Efforts to get the Monarch, who is a first class traditional ruler in the state, did not yield any fruit. As at press time, no arrest has been made by the police.

Corruption

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ACTION Congress (AC) yesterday dragged President Olusegun Obasanjo to court, where they challenged his powers to constitute an Administrative Panel of Inquiry which tried and made recommendations in respect of alleged criminal offences affecting the party's candidates for the April