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Youths protest killing of Igboman with *juju*

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Youths numbering about 300 from Oregon, Ikeja local government of Lagos State yesterday stormed State secretariat, Alausa, protesting the killing of an Arochukwu, Abia State-born Emmanuel Okocha.

Okocha a model with Styllon Model Agency was allegedly killed last Saturday by two brothers, Ganiyu and Ismail Olanrewaju while attempting to separate a fight involving Ismail Olanrewaju and one Kazeem, on Olanrewaju street Oregon where he was allegedly hit with a charm.

Daily Champion reliably gathered that Okocha, a 24 year-old model who dedicated his child in the church two months ago, was returning home from an outing when he met the men fighting, and recognized all of them to have attended his child's dedication party. He later came down from his BMW car to separate them.

Our reporter also learnt that while he was trying to separate the two, Ismail who was believed to have been seriously hurt by Kazeem had gone inside his house for reinforcement, only to return with a deadly charm with which he hit Okocha who was certified dead at the Lagos State University Teaching Hospital [LASUTH], Ikeja, from where he was taken to the Channels House mortuary, Magodo.

In another account, leader of the protesters Daniel Johnson told our reporter that "It was at about 9:45 pm on Saturday when Okocha met them fighting and because he knew all of them, he tried to settle the fight, but he was beaten to death."

He stated that the youths on the ill fated day reported the killing at the Alausa Police station while Ismail and Kazeem, had been arrested. The duo are now chatting with police detectives at the State Criminal Investigation Department [SCID] Panti, Yaba, Lagos.

Confirming the incident, the Alausa Divisional Police Officer [DPO] Superintendent of police [SUPOL] Jimoh who was apparently not disposed to the step taken by the youths asked, "what did they want the governor to do for them? These people don't have anything doing, they are loafers."

According to him, "it was a fight that resulted to the killing, one killed another in a fight, the suspects have been arrested and taken to Panti. What else do they want from government," he said.

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