

Armed men kill another UniAbuja students

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Armed men Friday night killed a 400 level Geography undergraduate of the University of Abuja (UniAbuja) in a spot between the male and female hostels in the school's campus.

The latest killing brings to three the number of UniAbuja students killed by armed men with the past two weeks.

The deceased, Solomon Saleh, was said to have been in the company of three female students when the incident happened.

"The three girls wanted to eat around 8pm and the late Solomon suggested that they all go to Kigali restaurant where food is affordable," Umar Hamidu, the president of the national association of geography students, UniAbuja branch, said.

He said in-between the female and male hostels, a bike pulled up in front of the students while the two occupants brandishing knife and gun surrendered them and robbed them of their phones and wallets.

"Solomon, after the robbery held on to the bike, while one of the female students with him ran to get help and before help could come, one of the armed men had used a knife to stab Solomon in his neck and stomach," Hamidu stated.

Hamidu, who said he was relying on the female student's account of the incident, disclosed that Solomon lost a lot of blood before he was rushed to the school's clinic, and later put in an ambulance and rushed to the Gwagwalada Specialist Hospital where he died.

The reporter learnt that the three female students were taken to the university security post to write statements.

Students of the geography department were yesterday seen staring at the obituary of the late student that was placed on the notice board. A lecturer, who appeared shocked on seeing the obituary, condemned the manner of killing and de-

scribed the deceased as a very easy-going person.

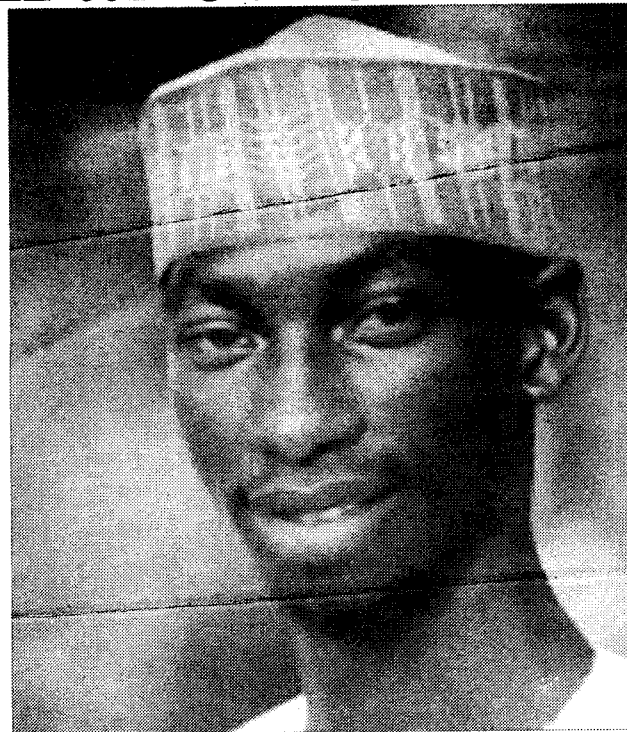
Meanwhile, students of the National Association of Geography Students are planning a procession for the deceased tomorrow at 9am.

A student who pleaded anonymity condemned the security situation on the university campus.

"The last protest at the university was mainly due to security lapses rather than the failure of the school's clinic to administer treatment on an injured student," he said.

City News reporter learnt that during last St. Valentine Day (February 14), a 500 level law student, Gbenga Adeyeri and Blessing Ochiba, a graduate were both killed.

Blessing was said to have visited the campus to collect her final result and in the pro-



Late Solomon Saleh: killed by armed men inside UniAbuja
cess, Gbenga decided to give (names withheld) for successfully leaving school. "Both were killed by un-

known gunmen at the restaurant while having lunch, and till date nobody has been arrested for their death," a student lamented.

Confirming the death of Solomon Saleh, the university's spokesperson, Abubakar A. Bafeto said the matter is under investigation by the police. He described the incident as unfortunate. "Why would an armed robber stab someone to death because of a phone?" he wondered.

The information officer said that the parents of the deceased student came to Gwagwalada on Saturday to collect the corpse.

Bafeto disclosed further that in order to beef up security on campus, the university's management has approved a 12-hour joint patrol between the police and

the school's internal security between 6pm and 6am.

The reporter learnt that the university's management set up a committee to investigate the deaths of Gbenga Adeyeri and Blessing Ochiba.

The committee, which has Dr D. S. Sule as secretary, called for memoranda from members of the university committee that could help in unraveling the motives and sequence of events that led to their killing.

Those submitting memoranda were asked to do so before February 26 and the reporter learnt that the committee's members are about tidying up their findings.

At the Gwagwalada police station, a policeman who confirmed the three deaths disclosed that investigations were still in progress to apprehend those behind the killings.



LEA Primary School; one of the structures that survived FCTA's bulldozers recently at Gishiri.

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