Family demands probe of 400 Level student's death

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The family of a 400 Level student of English at the Adeyemi College of Education (ACE) in Ondo State, Akinsiku Michael Timileyin, who died suddenly at the Erin Ijesha waterfall in Osun State on Saturday, has called for an investigation into his death, saying he may have been murdered.

Timileyin, a native of Ondo town in Ondo State, was said to have gone with his friends and other students on an excursion organised by the Student Union Government (SUG) to the tourist site when he died.

Alake Temitope, another 400 Level student, said Timileyin slumped and died after they had moved round and enjoyed the tour.

But a report said he had gunshots in his body, while another source claimed he fell from the mountain top.

Alake said the Timileyin was quiet throughout the fun-filled experience, and did not seem to align with the frenzy, but was only taking photographs with his mobile phone.

He said the spot where he slumped was very plain, but he died despite all efforts to revive him before he could be rushed to a nearby hospital in Ilesha town. The deceased's course-mates also said there was no gunshot or scar on the corpse as some people alleged.

Late Timileyin was buried yesterday in Ondo town while his school declared a lecture-free day in his honour.

One of his brothers who did not give his name, said he was among those who went to collect his corpse in Ilesha pointing out there was no scar on him. The family urged the school management to discourage unguided and unmonitored excursions to check reoccurrence.

Attempts to reach the college provost, Prof. Yemi Ogen and other principal officers proved abortive at the time of filling this report.