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## Varsity student dies, another battles for life after drinking poison

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A student of Tai Solarin University of Education (TASUED), Ijagun, Ogun State, has reportedly died while another is battling for survival after consuming a substance suspected to be poison.

The deceased, Awojeji Itunuoluwa, was a 200 level student from the Library and Information Science Department, while her friend, Zion Elisha, whose life doctors are currently battling to save, is a 200 level student from the Mathematics Department of the same university.

It was further gathered that the incident occurred on Sunday at a private hostel, known as Daniel's court located within the host premises.

A source that pleaded anonymity said the incident happened a few hours after the female student left her hostel for the male student's hostel with the claim that she wanted to study with him.

The source added that when the female student did not show up on time, her roommates decided to check her in the male student's room to find out what was going on.

They were reportedly horrified afterwards, when they saw the

lifeless body of their colleague lying on the floor while the male counterpart was gasping for air.

It was further learnt that the two were quickly rescued to the school medical facility with the help of other hostel mates, but the doctor on duty confirmed the lady dead on arrival.

The Acting Public Relations Officer (PRO) of the institution, Ayotunde Odubela, confirmed the incident.

Odubela said: "We just know that they were brought into the school health centre yesterday (Sunday).

"The two of them, a female, 200 level student of Library and Information Science, Awojeji

Itunuoluwa, and a 200 male Mathematics student, Zion Elisha.

"They referred the two of them to General Hospital, Ijebu-Ode, and it was confirmed that the girl was brought in dead but the guy was in a very critical condition. So, at the general hospital, the girl was confirmed dead and was transferred to the morgue while the guy was referred to the Olabisi Onabanjo University Hospital (OOUTH), Sagamu.

"But before getting to the OOUTH, we learnt that they branched at Babcock University Teaching Hospital where the male student was admitted to the Accident and Emergency ward. That is the most we know."