

# Final year FUTA student slumps, dies when playing football

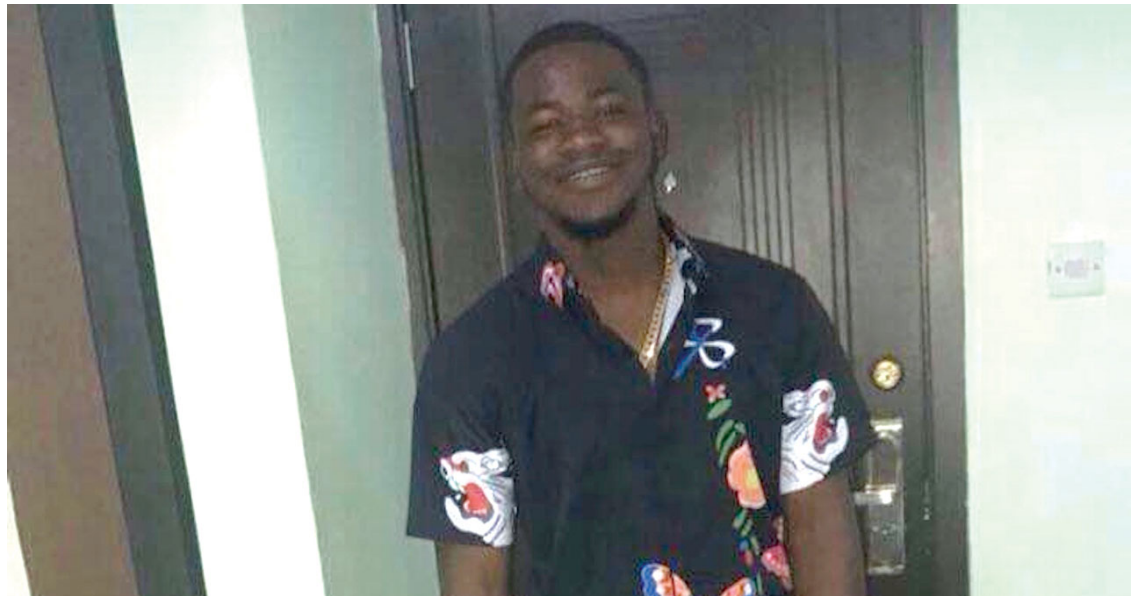
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*Tunji Agboola*

The football pitch turned into a tragic incident in Akure, Ondo State capital, when a 500-level Applied Geophysics student of the Federal University of Technology Akure (FUTA), Tunji Agboola, slumped and died while playing football in his lodge.

The Guardian gathered that the sad incident happened on Saturday morning at his residence off campus, but very close to FUTA South Gate. According to eyewitnesses, the deceased was rushed to a nearby private hospital because the institution's health centre had been shut for months due to the strike by the Non-Academic Staff Unions (NASU).

They disclosed that the doctor at the private hospital could do little to resuscitate Agboola after he went to coma due to lack of oxygen apparatus. Agboola, who had no clear record of health challenges in the past, was later rushed by his friends to the State Specialist Hospital, Akure where he was confirmed 'Brought in Dead' (BID).

This almost sparked off a protest by his colleagues especially, the Nigerian Association of Earth and Mineral Science Students (NAEMSS), who felt he would not have died if he had received prompt medical attention and treatment.

The NAEMSS president, Victor Awosiji and other union leaders had to intervene by visiting the Akure Area Command for immediate response to douse the rising tension. They appealed to the state government to shut down the hospital for not having 'minimal requirements' to operate and save life in times of emergency.



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The Student Union Government (SUG) president, Adeyinka Olasehinde, who described the incident as disheartening, said the union would be meeting the management to express their dissatisfaction.

Olasehinde said it is not advisable to keep students in school without a functioning health centre due to the prolonged strike of the unions. He disclosed that the body of the finalist had been handed over to his elder brother for onward movement to his family in Ado Ekiti for burial.



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