

Tears as colleagues explain how Yabatech graduating student was murdered

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TEARs flowed freely last week as friends and colleagues of the late Tosin Osatuyi, a final year student of Yabatech College Education, allegedly killed in a fight, narrated how he was murdered.

The Civil Engineering (HND 2) student, popularly known as Moore, was allegedly murdered while celebrating his final examinations on July 28.

Deputy Registrar of the institution, Mr. Joe Ejiofor, had, on Tuesday, disclosed that the fight, which broke out among Osatuyi and his peers, occurred outside the college premises, having concluded their examination and left the vicinity.

But colleagues of the deceased, who gathered on Tuesday evening for a candlelight procession in his memory, said he was gruesomely murdered.

Two of his friends told *The Guardian*, in confidence, that the incident, which occurred on July 28, was an act of intended murder, which must be investigated. One said the student died in a fight while celebrating his final examinations at a sport viewing centre known as the

Lions' Den in Tejuosho, Yaba, Lagos.

He said: "On the day after our examinations, he signed on my shirt because we have been friends since our National Diploma (ND) days. After signing, he left with other students to a spot which houses a betting centre, called The Lions' Den in Yaba.

"It was not long when the news came that he had been murdered. Either by error or not, the action seemed intended and I really don't know if he and other friends were drunk on that day."

Another of his friends from the Electrical Electronic Engineering Department said he was a good friend to him and that although the school didn't approve the candlelight procession, students were forced to hold it in defiance of



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the school authority on Tuesday.

He added that Osatuyi was injured in the process of celebration, and died when rushed to a nearby hospital for treatment, where efforts to save his life proved abortive.

According to a report, a colleague said friends of Osatuyi had raised money for an autopsy to be done, but his parents had reportedly rejected the idea.

When *The Guardian* visited the viewing lounge known as The Lions' Den last week, the Chief Security Officer stated that nothing happened in the premises and that he was not aware of the incident which claimed the life of a student. Meanwhile, traders and commercial motorcycle operators in the area confirmed to *The Guardian* that a fight broke out last week among some students in the lounge, but were not aware if anyone died.

A motorcycle operator said: "This place was not in good shape last week. Everybody ran to different positions because it was a serious fight among youths there. I do not know if later someone died in the fight."