

Poly graduate killed over N3,000

Musefiu Oladepo, 22, met his untimely death in the hands of his otherwise playmates. He was hit with a 'magical ring' during a disagreement over a paltry N3,000 donation. **WALE FOLARIN** reports.

ISALE-ARO is a popular area in Osogbo, the Osun State capital. One of the things that makes the area popular, especially among the youths is a mini-football pitch where they converge every Sunday morning to play football. The football pitch is so popular that it attracts politicians who see the place as a veritable location to campaign and get the youths to support them.

The football field was, however, defiled last Sunday with the blood of one of the youths, who was allegedly killed by his friend's younger brother.

If Musefiu Olagoke Oladepo had known the fate that will befall him last Sunday, he would not have heeded the call of his colleagues to go to the field.

Though, it was their usual practice to play "set" every Sunday morning, if he were aware of the danger lurking in the corner, he would have stayed indoors and perhaps settled for indoor games.

Twenty two year-old Musefiu, an Ordinary National Diploma (OND) graduate of the Osun State Polytechnic, Iree, is the second to the last child of his family.

He had just graduated from the polytechnic and was about to start his one year industrial training before he met his untimely death. He left his home as usual last Sunday to play football, but did not return alive to his family.

The legs with which he would have played football had failed him; he could not walk home by himself.

The Nation's investigations revealed that some politicians had given a cash donation of N3,000 to the youths a few weeks ago and they unanimously agreed that the money should

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until they decide what to do with it.

The money sparked crisis among the youths as some wanted it shared immediately. Others were of the opinion that

the money should be used to purchase a new football.

This was the situation until Musefiu went to the field last Sunday at about 9am. On getting there, his friend, Gideon

Ogunmodede was said to have asked him to hand over the money to him. Musefiu was said to have refused, insisting that he would only hand over the money in the presence of other youths.

Musefiu's position was said to have angered Gideon and his younger brother who allegedly insisted on collecting the money.

While they were engaged in a hot exchange of words which nearly resorted in fisticuffs, Gideon's younger brother, Niyi was said to have rushed home and returned with a 'magical ring', with which he hit Musefiu, who slumped and died immediately.

His body was taken to the Ladoke Akintola University Teaching Hospital, Osogbo where he was certified dead. He was buried, according to muslim rites at 5pm, same day.

Niyi had since been taken to his heels to escape arrest. The whereabouts of Niyi is still unknown.

His brother Gideon, and their father are

now cooling their heels in police cell in Osogbo.

When contacted, the state police spokesman, Mr Joshua Olayemi, who confirmed the incident, said the police will soon bring the culprits to book.

