

Nasarawa varsity students petition EFCC over VC's alleged fraud

SOME students of Nasarawa State University, Lafia, have petitioned the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) over alleged fraud by their Vice-Chancellor, Professor Shamsudeen Amali.

The students said the VC is involved in a multi-million naira financial scam on the institution's money.

The students have asked the commission to probe the allegation.

The EFCC has acknowl-

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edged receipt of the petition. But the university's Information Officer, Mr Jamiu Zakari, described the allegation as baseless.

In a petition dated July 26 to the anti-corruption body, the students alleged that the VC expended N35million on his newly-renovated lodge.

The students' petition was signed by John Doma.

It state that Amali allegedly used N15million to furnish the renovated lodge and bought a Sports Utility Vehicle (SUV) for about N10million with N120,000 spent to fuel it monthly.

The petition also accused the VC of slapping the Internal Auditor of the school when the official questioned how money was spent.

The petition said: "The

VC, Shmsudeen Amali, resumed office in January and his governing style in the six months of his administration has perverted justice and breached protocols. When he resumed office, he was lodged in a hotel that is less than two kilometres to the school.

"This was expected... to allow the lodge to be prepared for his accommoda-

tion. Now, five months after, he is still lodged at the hotel at only-God-knows price. The lodge was contracted out for renovation at a cost of N35million.

"Also, a whopping sum of N15million was approved to furnish the lodge," the petitioners said.

Contacted, Zakari described the allegation as baseless.

He said the contractor that did the job initially did not do it well, prompting another renovation.

Robbers kill five policemen in Oyo, Ogun

•Five bombs, rocket launchers, AK47, dynamites recovered

FLEEING armed robbers from Ibadan, the Oyo State capital, yesterday met their Waterloo in the city and Ogun State.

The hoodlums terrorised residents in many parts of Ibadan and killed two policemen before escaping to Ogun State.

They snatched cars and invaded a bank on Iwo Road.

The police had a wind of their activities and chased them.

In the ensuing gun battle, one of the robbers was killed. But they reportedly killed two policemen.

The armed gang was said to comprise about 15 members. They began their operations at Apata area of Ibadan at 9.30am.

They snatched a Toyota Sienna wagon from a man and ordered him to drive it with other snatched vehicles in their convoy for the operation.

The victim was rescued by the police.

Banks and other businesses hurriedly closed shop.

At Ojo area, the robbers attacked a new generation bank on Onilearo. They were already operating in the bank when a bullion van conveying money arrived.

The robbers waylaid the bullion van and the police escort vehicles. There was crossfire.



•Policemen with one of the suspects in Ibadan... yesterday.

From Blal Oladele, Osehoje Okwuofu, Ibadan and Ernest Nwokolo, Abeokuta

The hoodlums reportedly went away with an undisclosed amount from the bank.

An eyewitness, who spoke in confidence, told *The Nation* that the armed robbers engaged the policemen in a gun battle for several minutes before they were overpowered.

One of the gang members died and another escaped with wounds. Two mobile policemen were killed during the encounter.

It was gathered that some passersby, including a child, were killed by the fleeing

robbers.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Olabisi Okuwobi, confirmed that the police recovered two buses, one Honda CRV Sport Utility Van and three other vehicles from the robbers.

Among items recovered were 90 live rounds of ammunition and two AK 47 rifles.

Okuwobi said the robbers went through Ogun State where men from the state Police Command went on their trail.

The robbery attack forced the Oyo State Commissioner of Police (CP), Mr Adisa Bolanta, to abruptly

end his meeting with politicians.

As the hoodlums entered Ogun State, men of the police command were waiting for them.

The combat-ready policemen confronted the robbers as they entered Abeokuta, the state capital, through Eleweran.

For over 30 minutes, the hoodlums and the policemen engaged each other in fierce gun battle.

There was pandemonium as bullets flew in different directions.

The robbers reportedly killed two policemen at a road block at Bakatari, a boundary community be-

tween Oyo and Ogun states.

They, however, ran into an ambush by the state police command following an alert from Oyo State.

It was gathered that one of the robbers was arrested while others escaped with bullet wounds.

Items recovered from them included five bombs, two rocket launchers, four dynamites, machine guns, one AK47 rifle, 1,000 live ammunition and 145 spent bullets.

When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer confirmed the incident.

He said the Police Commissioner, Mr Musa Daura, will address reporters on it today.

Ekiti women decry alleged plan to pervert justice at Appeal Court