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The University of Lagos (UNILAG) has lost a lecturer Mr Cyril Oseloka Ikemefuna. He was said to have been shot dead by unknown gunmen outside his Onike, Yaba, Lagos Mainland home on Wednesday.

The Dean, Faculty of Business Administration, Prof Rasheed Ojikutu, told The Nation yesterday that Ikemefuna, who would turn 58 in November, died at the Lagos University Teaching Hospital (LUTH), where he was rushed to.

Ojikutu, quoting the late Ikemefuna's son, Obinna, said the lecturer was attacked outside his home opposite customs office, Yaba, on his way to the church for an early morning service.

He said: "I got a call from the university that one of our colleagues, Mr C.O. Ikemefuna, had been shot by armed robbers. I immediately went to the hospital and waited for good news; unfortunately, it was bad news we got.

"It happened in his home on Araromi Street near Onitiri opposite the customs building. What I was told by his son is that he (Ikemefuna) was leaving home in the morning for church. Then he (Obinna) heard an explosion which he thought was a transformer. He rushed outside and found his father on the ground, holding his stomach.

"Immediately the university was informed, the Chief Medical Director (CMD) of LUTH was called and he said he would be admitted into a private ward because of the strike by the hospital's workers. That was done immediately. We were outside the theatre waiting with two of his children, the Sub-dean when the leader of a medical team told us that our colleague did not make it."

Ojikutu described the late Ikemefuna, who joined the university 16 years ago, as lively and undeserving of the fate that befell him.

"I wept. Our colleagues were weeping. Ikemefuna was wonderful and lively. All I know is that he didn't deserve it," he said.

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