

Murder suspect arrested, two years after

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THE police have arrested a man two years after he allegedly killed a 27-year-old final-year student of the Kwara State Polytechnic, Kazeem Bamijoyi.

Bamijoyi was killed on August 22, 2012 on his way to the Doyin area of Orile Iganmu, a Lagos suburb, to collect feeding allowance from his elder brother, Taiye Bamijoyi, before returning to school. He was said to have been caught up in a fight between two rival cult groups.

The suspect, Sekiru Yusufu (32), a father of two, was arrested last week by the police. He is said to be a Junior Secondary School (JSS2) drop-out of Iganmu High School, Orile Iganmu.

Sources at Orile Police Station said the incident occurred during a clash between the Adeleye and

Alhaji Jimoh cult groups.

The suspect, who is a member of the Adeleye group, was said to have relocated to Iyana-Iba, abandoning his wife and two kids.

A source said he was arrested at Chemist bus stop around Sari Iganmu when he went for another operation.

It was gathered that in his statement, the suspect said he hit the deceased with iron but never knew he died. "After I hit him with the iron, some small boys came and started beating him. I had to leave the place. I was working as a motor park tout at Iyana-Iba, while living in Orile, but after the incident, I relocated to Iyana-Iba, pending the settlement of the matter," the suspect said.

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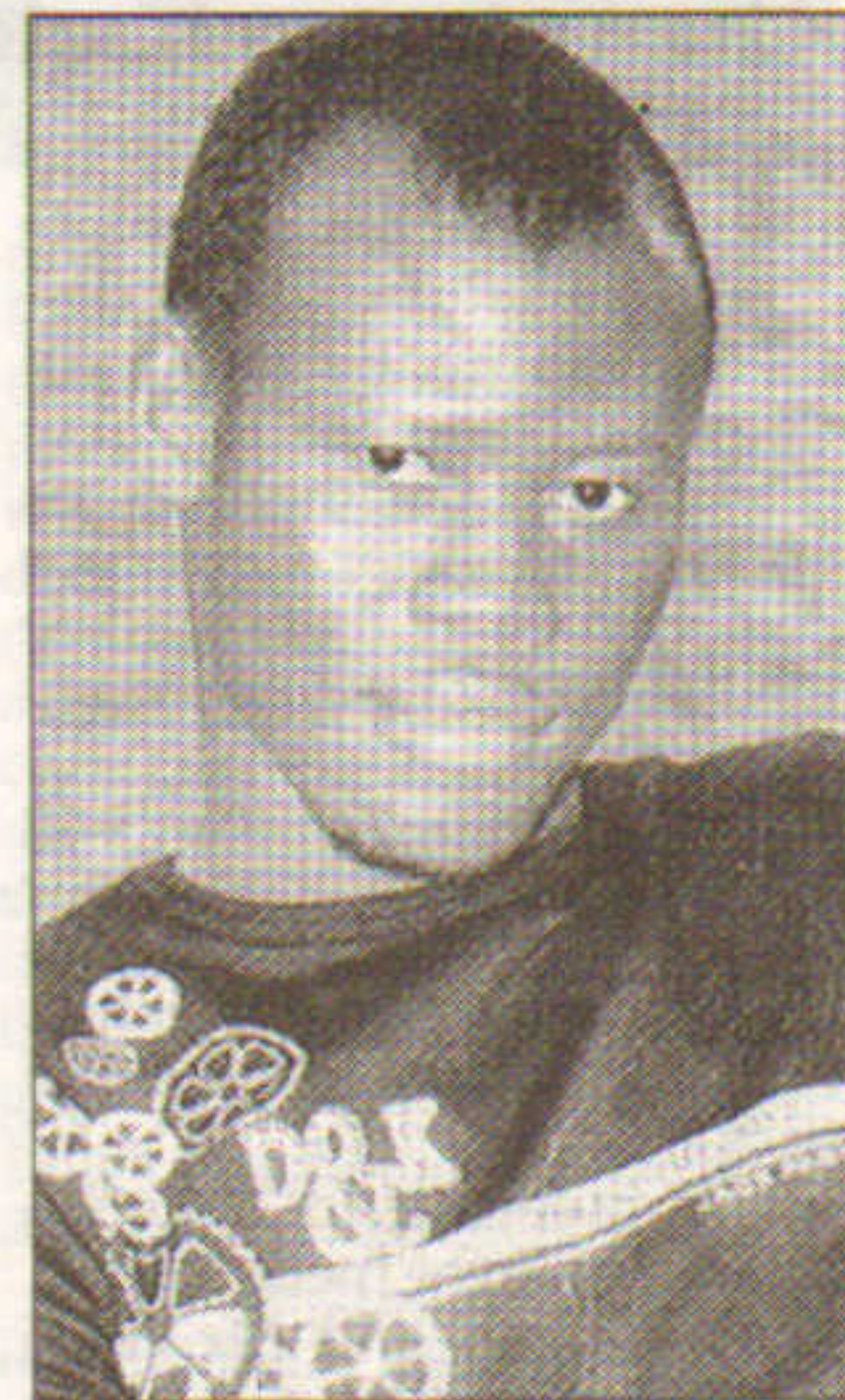
The deceased's elder brother, who witnessed the incident, said: "I saw when Yusufu hit his head with a big iron. That was when I ran towards where he was

lying helplessly. The injury was so deep that I knew he would not survive it. Yusufu ran away after the incident and did not return to Orile until he was arrested by the police".

He said their mother was yet to recover from the shock of the incident, adding: "He was the hope of our family. We invested in him and hoped that one day, he would lift the family. As a tricycle operator, I suffered to take him to school. It is unfortunate he died that way.

"My brother was gentle, responsible and a devout Muslim. He was not a cult member. He was supposed to start his Industrial Training (IT) programme with the Nigerian Breweries, Iganmu, in the week he was killed."

Expressing joy over Yusufu's arrest, the be-



• The late Kazeem

reaved family urged Commissioner of Police Umar Manko not to allow him go unpunished.

The suspect has been transferred to the homicide section of the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID) in Panti, Yaba Lagos Mainland.