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Vehicle crushes student to death

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The Obafemi Awolowo University, (OAU), Ile-Ife, was thrown into mourning last week when Tayo Akerele, a 200-Level Biochemistry student, was knocked down by a vehicle.

The victim, it was gathered, was crossing the main road to buy water when she was knocked down.

Eyewitnesses said vehicle's tyre burst on motion, which made the drive to lose control of the vehicle. The late Tayo, it was learnt, was coming from the opposite direction.

An eyewitness said: "The tyre and the rim got dislocated and moved in the victim's direction. Though she tried to avoid the objects, but she ended up being hit by the vehicle's tyre," the source said.

The victim was said to have been taken to the OAU Teaching Hospital (OAUTH) but she died five days after.

Tayo's death was described as a great loss to her department. Her colleagues said she was easy going. A student who simply identified himself as Femi, recalled his last encounter with the deceased.

Her classmate, Theophilus King, waxed poetic, saying: "No wonder it happened, a short procession of clouds. You were beautiful, but shame on beauty that couldn't pay the price to woo butchers."

When our correspondent visited the deceased room in Moremi Hall, a roommate, who did not say her name, said Tayo's death had left a huge hole in their hearts, adding that the pain would linger forever in their hearts. She said none of the roommates could sleep, following the unfortunate incidence.

Other students said the deceased was friendly and unassuming.

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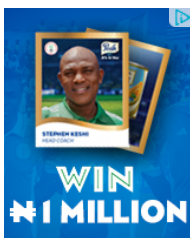
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