

# VC orders probe as Lion kills zoo keeper in Osun



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There was pandemonium in [Obafemi Awolowo University](#), Ile-Ife, Osun State yesterday after a lion killed a staffer of the institution in-charge of the zoological garden.

The zoo keeper, Veterinary Technologist named Olabode Olawuyi, was killed by a nine-year-old lion while he was feeding animals at the garden, a statement by the university's Public Relations Officer (PRO), Abiodun Olarewaju, said in a statement.

According to him: "Mr Olawuyi, who has been in charge of the Zoological garden for over a decade, was attacked this afternoon, (Monday), 19th February, 2024 by a lion when he was feeding them in their den at the garden of the university.

"The other members of staff who were at the scene of the incident did everything within their power to rescue their boss but the wild cat had already caused severe fatalities."

He said the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Simeon Bamire, conducted an on-the-spot assessment and he was informed, on arrival, by the Acting Director of the University Health and Medical Centre Dr Tirimisiyu Olatunji, that all first aid and medical efforts to save the life of the victim proved abortive.

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“Saddened by this tragic event, the aggressive Lion has been euthanized. Mr Olawuyi has been taking care of the lions since they were born on campus about nine years ago but, tragically, the male Lion killed the man who had been feeding them.

“The University management has sent a delegation to the widow and children of the deceased, imploring them to take solace in God who gives life and also has the power to take life.

“Meanwhile, the Vice-Chancellor, has ordered a comprehensive investigation into the immediate and remote causes of the incident.”