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Angry OAU students beat colleague to death for allegedly stealing on campus

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Year Five student of the Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU), Tle-Ife. Osun State was on Tuesday beaten to death by his colleagues for allegedly stealing a mobile phone in a hall of residence on the campus.

Sources gave the number of those who descended

on the deceased to be around 15 to 20.

A source said the mob attacked the deceased with stones and other dangerous objects.

The remains of the deceased were said to have been deposited at the mortuary of the Obafemi Awolowo University Teaching Hospital Complex.

A staff member of the hospital who preferred anonymity hinted that the deceased died on arrival at the hospital.

However, the president of the institution's Students Union, Olayiwole Folahan Festus, condemned the mob action, which he described as unfair, just as he called for justice on the matter.

Olayiwola said whoever found to have been involved in the mob action should face the wrath of the law.

The SUG president condemned the jungle justice

meted out on the deceased, just as he assured that every necessary assistance that law enforcement officers might need from the union would be rendered.

When contacted, the institution's management confirmed the incident.

The Public Relations Officer of the university, Abiodun Olarewaju, in a release, said preliminary investigation revealed that action on the allegation that he stole a phone.

"Saddened by this ugly development which he described as unfortunate, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Adebayo Simeon Bamire. has set up a committee to unravel the circumstances that led to this incident.

"The action of the mob. being a violation of the law of the country and of the University regulations, has been reported to the pothe student died of mobilice who have commenced investigations."

"The university administration hereby commiserates with the parents of the deceased, staff and students, and prays that God will grant us the fortitude to bear this irreparable loss.

"Students are strongly admonished to desist from taking laws into their hands and to report any criminal activities to the University authorities for immediate actions. the statement reads.

