

10 arrested over killing of 200-level FUIOYE student on campus

Victim found buried in shallow grave behind lecture room

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THE police in Ekiti State have confirmed the arrest of 10 suspects in connection with the killing of a 200-level student of the Federal University, Oye-Ekiti (FUIOYE). Deborah Atanda

The Commissioner of Police in the state, Dare Ogundare, confirmed the arrest on Thursday.

The police boss, in a statement through the state Police Public Relations Officer

(PPRO), Abutu Sunday, said: "The CP has ordered thorough investigation into the cause of death of a 200-level nursing student of the Federal University, Oye-Ekiti (FUIOYE), who was declared missing within the school premises on September 5, but whose body was found in a shallow grave at a distance of about 30 meters behind the nursing lecture hall.

"While appealing to everyone to be calm, the commissioner vows that the command will do everything

possible to unearth the identity of the perpetrator(s) and ensure they are made to face the full wrath of the law.

"Meanwhile, the body of the deceased has been deposited in the morgue for autopsy, while 10 suspects are currently in custody undergoing investigation."

Atanda was found dead and buried in a shallow grave behind her department's lecture room in the institution.

The deceased, from the department of Nursing, was

on Tuesday declared missing after her colleagues noticed she failed to return to her hostel from the campus.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that a search team was activated by students and the university management where she was later found some metres away from the Nursing department's lecture theatre.

While the cause of death has not been confirmed as of press time, it was learnt that she was reportedly killed by suspected cultists in the institution.

The institution's registrar, Mufutau Ibrahim, condoled with the parents of the deceased, just as he promised that the institution would collaborate with security agencies to unravel those behind the murder.

He added that students have been asked to vacate the campus pending the outcome of investigation on the issue, while he called for calm among stakeholders in the university community.

Meanwhile, the chairman, House of Representatives' Committee on Media and

Public Affairs, Honourable Akin Rotimi, has condemned the murder of the student.

Rotimi, who represents Ekiti North (1) (Ikole/Oye) federal constituency, in a statement made available to parliamentary correspondents, called for the provision of adequate security for students across the country.

He further called on the Ekiti State government, relevant security agencies and stakeholders in the community to collaborate to fish out the culprits and bring them to book.

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