

Hoodlums kill 22-year-old varsity student

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• NUJ calls for removal of Ekiti CP

SUSPECTED hoodlums from the University of Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State, have hacked to death a 22-year-old student of the institution, Mr. Kehinde Ogunkinle.

The father of the late pre-degree student of education, Chief Peter Ogunkinle, told journalists at his Ado-Ekiti chambers on Thursday that the miscreants killed his son as a

result of a rivalry between two cult gangs in the school.

Ogunkinle said he had received reports that there had been a fight between some students around their off campus residence, and had, therefore, gone round hospitals in the state capital to see if he would locate his son among the wounded.

According to him, when the efforts did not yield results, he

checked the local police stations to see if the students had been arrested and detained by the police.

Ogunkinle said it was at the police station that he was told that his son had been killed in the clash.

He added that the police took him to the scene of the gruesome murder, where the blood stains were still visible.

He gave a gory detail of how

the deceased was chased for several metres before he was finally apprehended. The father said his son's head was hacked open and the skull broken up in such a way that it was used to cover the face when he identified the corpse at the State Specialist Hospital, Ado-Ekiti.

The elderly Ogunkinle said his daughter, Taiye, the twin sister of the deceased,

accompanied him to identify the body.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Mike Akindipe, said he was not yet aware of the incident because he was away in Abuja.

Tens of sympathisers thronged the chambers of the father of the deceased to condole with him on the brutal murder.

Meanwhile, the Nigerian Union of Journalists has called on the Inspector-General of Police, Mr. Mike Okiro, to remove the Commissioner of Police in Ekiti State, Mr. Yomi Onashile, from office.

Officials of the B Zone of the NUJ said this at a press conference in Ado-Ekiti on Thursday.

The address, which was read by the Chairman of the NUJ in Ondo State, Mr. Dele Atunbi, was made available to our correspondent in Akure.

Atunbi said that the NUJ was forced to call for the removal of Onashile because of his abuse of human rights.

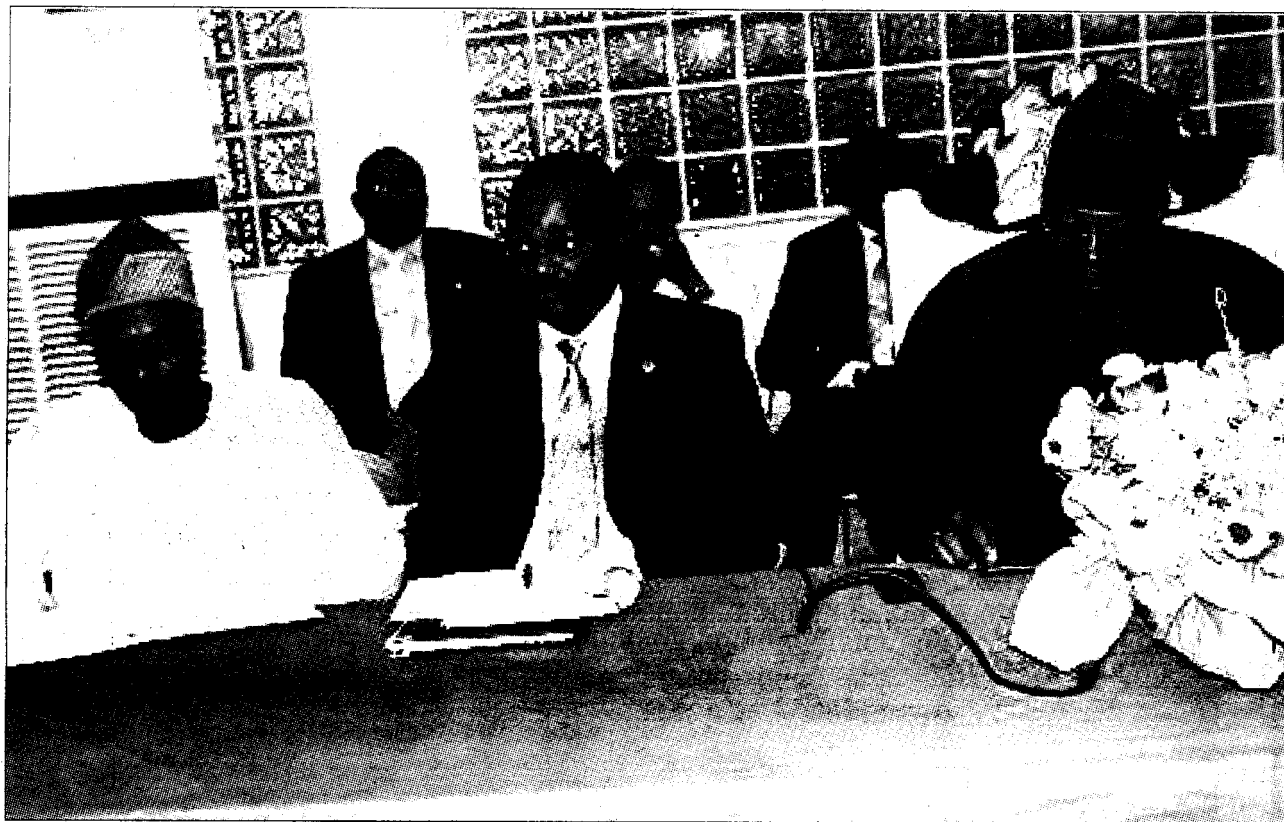
He said that Onashile ordered the detention of *The Sun* correspondent in Ondo State, Mr. Tunde Raheem, since February 6 based on allegation of extortion levelled against Raheem and had since refused to release him on bail.

"The NUJ demand the immediate release of Raheem from the hardened criminal cell where Onashile ordered that he should be kept."

Atunbi said that the offence which Raheem was arrested for was a bailable one.

According to him, "It is a sad commentary that Ekiti State police command headed by Onashile, who unfortunately is a lawyer, has detained an innocent Nigerian for nine days on mere allegation of extortion by a lecturer at the University of Ado-Ekiti."

Atunbi said that the NUJ had appealed to Onashile to release Raheem on bail but he refused.



• L-R: Ogun State Commissioner for Finance, Mr. Kehinde Sogunle; Managing Director, Gateway Holdings, Mr. Gboyega Isiaka; and Governor Gbenga Daniel at a stakeholders forum on Gateway Hotels in Abeokuta ... on Tuesday.

Ibadan won't host PDP convention - Adedibu

Sunday Aborisade, Ibadan

Achieftain of the Peoples Democratic Party in Oyo State, Chief Lamidi Adedibu, said on Thursday that the forthcoming national convention of the party would not hold in Ibadan as being canvassed by some people.

Adedibu spoke with journalists at his Molete, Ibadan residence, after he

South-West delegates.

He added that the chieftains of the party in Yorubaland had been strategising to present a consensus candidate, who would emerge as the eventual winner.

"When we talk in the South-West, we speak with one voice. The Speaker of the House of Representatives was here. We have also discussed on

this issue. He is my boy and he will do what we, his fathers, asked him to do," Adedibu said.

Egwu denied being the "anointed" candidate of either ex-President Obasanjo or that of President Umaru Yar'Adua, but as someone who is canvassing support from all Nigerians.

He said there were many people contesting the seat

and that being one of them, he had to go to all the nook and cranny of the country for support.

Egwu said, "The office of the national chairman of the PDP is not based on appointment but an elective office that must be contested for.

"However, if Obasanjo or Yar'Adua decides to vote for me, I will be very happy."