

OAU lecturer dies in auto crash

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The Obafemi Awolowo University has again been thrown into mourning, following the death of one of its lecturers, Prof. Foluke Ogunleye, in an automobile accident.

Our correspondent gathered that Ogunleye died on December 26 on Lagos-Ibadan Expressway while travelling to Lagos.

The deceased was once the Head, Department of Dramatic Art, OAU and was said to have spent over three decades as a lecturer in the university.

The late professor was said to be the elder sister of Mr. Femi Adesina, the Special Adviser on Media to President Muhammadu Buhari.

The Public Relations Officer of the OAU, Mr. Abiodun Olanrewaju, confirmed Ogunleye's death to our correspondent on the telephone.

He said, "Prof. Foluke Ogunleye died on December 26, on her way to Lagos. She was one of the icons which the Department of Dramatic Art and the nation rely on. The university will sorely miss her."

Ogunleye turned 50 in 2012. According to information sighted by our correspondent on the OAU website, her birthday was celebrated with an international conference in her honour with the theme, 'Nigerian Theatre, Media, Popular Culture and Social Change.'

The focus of her academic career was on the use of drama, theatre and the mass media as instruments for improving the society. She directed many plays for the stage and the mass media and also acted in many stage and film productions.

The news of Ogunleye's death came less than two months after a former Provost, College of Health Sciences, OAU, Prof. Solomon Ogunniyi, was found dead inside his office.

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