

Yabatech student exam engages in

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FAMILIES, friends and colleagues of a Higher National Diploma 2 Civil Engineering undergraduate of the Yaba College of Technology, Tosin Osatuyi, popularly known as Moore, have been mourning his death a day after he sat his final examination.

PUNCH Metro gathered that after Osatuyi sat the final examination, he joined his colleagues on the campus to celebrate the feat.

During the celebration, the related students took pictures and used markers to sign on their T-shirts.

After a while, Osatuyi



• Osatuyi

and some of his colleagues proceeded to a sports viewing

lounge in the Tejuoso area of Yaba, where they continued

the celebration.

While at the lounge, it was learnt that a fight broke out and Osatuyi, who was allegedly injured in the process, was rushed to a nearby hospital for treatment.

However, Osatuyi, who was said to be hale and hearty after his final exam, died on Wednesday, July 28, 2021, after efforts by medical doctors to save him proved abortive.

The Ondo State indigene was said to be the class governor of the graduating Civil Engineering students.

Osatuyi's colleague, who craved anonymity, told PUNCH Metro that his death

celebrating final fight, dies

threw a lot of students into mourning, adding that his remains were deposited in the mortuary of the Lagos State University Teaching Hospital.

The colleague said, "I am an HND 2 student of Civil Engineering and last Tuesday was our final paper; some of my colleagues had an elective course on that day and after the exam, we took pictures at the engineering building and everyone signed on each other's white round-neck T-shirts.

"We also went to the multipurpose hall to take pictures and from there, some students went for other

engagements. But before all the students left, Osatuyi was asking us to come to the lounge to celebrate together before we go home.

"I was not prepared to go out that day, but what took me to the lounge was because I went to collect something from my friend, who went there with Osatuyi and the other students to celebrate. When I got there, I spent around 30 minutes and left for my hostel to sleep around 7:30pm.

"On Wednesday morning, I heard that there was a fight at the lounge and someone was rushed to hospital. I asked who the person was and I was informed that it

was Osatuyi; I was shocked.

"But when I was informed that he was responding to treatment, I gave thanks to God. Unfortunately, that same day, he passed away. I don't know what caused the fight."

Another colleague said Osatuyi's friends raised money for an autopsy to be conducted to ascertain his cause of death, but his parents allegedly rejected the move.

He stated, "I tried to find out what really happened during the fight, but all the people I asked said they left the lounge before the fight. Before his corpse was taken

down to his hometown in Ondo State, I went to LASUTH to pay my last respect to him.

"His parents insisted that they didn't want an autopsy and demanded that his corpse be conveyed down to their hometown for burial."

When contacted, the spokesman for Yabatech, Joe Ejiofor, confirmed the incident and commiserated with the deceased's family.

He, however, stated that the school management had not been officially briefed about the circumstances surrounding Osatuyi's death.

Ejiofor said, "He (Osatuyi) just concluded his HND 2 exams; they were the last batch, who sat their exam last week. It is a tragic story and my heartfelt condolences to the family. For somebody, who had just concluded his exams and should begin to reap the fruit of his labour to just die like that is quite tragic and unfortunate.

"I have seen the dean, and the student, who met with the dean has not given us the true picture of what happened. What he said was that they wanted to do a candle light procession and we told them that they could not do it.

"The college cannot begin to carry out any investigation because nobody from the family has come to inform it of the incident. What we are just hearing is that some students went out after their last paper to have a get together and in the process, the incident occurred.

"It did not happen in the college. I cannot begin to tell you what and what the college will do until we get a full gist of what happened."

e demolishes building used to kidnapers killed



• The house being demolished by bulldozer.

Speaking on the incident, the

Security Adviser to the Governor, Col Paul Hembra (retd.), said the

action was in line with the law of the state, adding that the structure was being used by kidnappers to keep their victims and negotiate ransoms.

Hembra urged landlords to ensure proper profiling of would-be tenants before giving out their houses to them to avoid the demolition of such property.

The security adviser said the right of occupancy on the land, where the house was built, would be revoked in accordance with the law of the state.

He noted that three suspected kidnappers were killed when policemen invaded the house on a rescue mission on Monday.

The policemen were able to rescue the commissioner's wife and her driver, who were

abducted last Thursday around 6 pm in Makurdi.

Two pump action and one AK-47 rifles were recovered from the deceased kidnappers.

Ortom said the feat recorded by the police would send a strong message to other criminals that Benue was not a safe haven for them.

The governor stated, "I am here at the police headquarters to commend the AIG and the immediate past police commissioner and the Operation Zenda operatives, who came together to crack these Pharaohs that have been terrorising the state in the last few weeks.

"They have been able to apprehend the kidnappers after a heavy gun duel. They also succeeded in rescuing

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the commissioner's wife and her driver. We will not give up despite all the challenges."

The command's Public Relations Officer, DSP Catherine Anene, who

confirmed the rescue of the commissioner's wife, said three suspected kidnappers died from gunshot injuries during the rescue operation.

Anene added that five

suspects had been arrested, while others were at large.

She said an AK-47 rifle loaded with double magazines and two double-barrelled guns loaded with ammunition were recovered.

Police parade 26 suspects over killing of Imo DPO, police stations' attacks



• Some of the suspects

Chidiube Okeoma, Owerri

THE Imo State Police Command on Monday

officer, one of the bandits, Emmanuel Nnaji, 15, a native of Awala in the Ideato South LGA of Imo State, was arrested with bullet wounds and

single-barrelled locally-made pistols, eight live cartridges, charms, two bags of weed suspected to be Indian hemp, Biafran flag and beret, ESN cap, four pairs of army camouflage uniforms and a camouflage bag, and a signboard with the Biafra insignia.

"It is on good record that it was in the same hotel that the head of a young man was severed and placed on the road close to the hotel premises. Presently, investigation is ongoing and the suspects are undergoing interrogation.

"The command's tactical teams and special forces, after diligent gathering

of the deceased, and S. A. Adegbeshin rep police at the coroner's inquest.

Vigilante mistake community