

TASUED probes student's death, friend in critical condition, mates suspect poison



• TASUED entrance

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A female student of the Tai Solarin University of Education, Ijagun, Ogun State, has died, while another male student is currently in a critical condition after they allegedly ingested a poisonous substance.

The deceased 200-level student of the Library and Information Science Department was identified as Itunuoluwa Awojeji, while the male student, identified as Zion Elisha, is a 200-level undergraduate from the Mathematics Department.

Our correspondent gathered that the incident occurred on Sunday at a private hostel in the host community.

It was learnt that both students were living in one of the hostels known as the Daniel's Court.

A source said the incident happened a few hours after the female student left her room for Elisha's room to study with him.

The source added that when the female student did not show up on time, her roommates decided to check her in Elisha's room.

They were reportedly horrified when they saw her lying lifeless on the floor, while Elisha was also gasping for breath.

It was further learnt that the two were quickly rushed to the school's medical facility, but the doctor on duty pronounced Awojeji dead on arrival.

When contacted, the acting Public Relations Officer, TASUED, Ayotunde Odubela, confirmed the incident.

Odubela said the circumstances leading to the death of the female student and the hospitalisation of the male student were still a mystery.

She told our correspondent on the telephone that the management got wind of the incident when the victims were brought to the school's health centre.

Odubela stated, "Yes, we are aware of the incident. We got to know that they were brought to the school's health centre yesterday (Sunday).

"The two of them are a female 200-level student of Library and Information Science, Itunuoluwa Awojeji, and a 200-male Mathematics student, Zion Elisha.

"The health centre referred the two of them to the General Hospital, Ijebu-Ode, and confirmed that the girl was brought in dead, but the guy was in a very critical condition. So, at the General Hospital, the girl was pronounced dead and was transferred to the morgue, while the guy was referred to the Olabisi Onabanjo University Teaching Hospital, Sagamu.

"But before getting to the OOUTH,

we learnt that they branched at the Babcock University Teaching Hospital, where the male student was admitted to the Accident and Emergency ward. That is the much we know."

On the next step of the school, the spokesperson said, "We have started our investigation to find out what really happened.

"The university has a security unit, which is already carrying out an independent investigation into the matter to find out what really happened. So, we are in touch with the parents of the female student and we are aware that the parents of the male student are already in touch with their son."

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John Charles, Makurdi

THE Benue State Government, on Monday, demolished the building where the Operation Zenda security outfit killed three suspected kidnappers and rescued the wife of the Commissioner for Land and Survey, Mrs Ann Uneegbe.

Governor Samuel Ortom, who was at the state police command headquarters in Makurdi, told journalists that he had ordered the demolition of the building in line with the provisions of the law on the prohibition of abduction, hostage-taking, kidnapping, cultism and other related offences.

The building, located at the BIPC Quarter, Nyinma layout, Makurdi, was pulled down by a

Soldier sta

Oluwatosin Omojuyigbe

A soldier attached to the Letmauck Barracks, Audu Abubakar, has allegedly stabbed a tailor, Ali Abubakar, in the Sabo area of Ikadan, Oyo State, for allegedly disrespecting him.

It was gathered that Ali had last Thursday visited a friend, Saheed, in the area, but met his absence and waited for him in his shop.

PUNCH Metro learnt that Audu's colleague was also waiting for the same man as Ali.

Our correspondent gathered that when Audu later came to the shop, he inquired about the whereabouts of Saheed.

Ali told PUNCH Metro that he did not answer Audu because he thought