

Slain Yabatech student buried amid tears, family demands justice

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TEARS flowed on Friday when a 23-year-old student of the Yaba College of Technology, Lagos, Adisa Akoredele, was buried at the Igbogila Cemetery, Ipaja-Ayobo, Lagos State.

Friends and family members wept uncontrollably as the remains of the student, who was killed by suspected cultists, were lowered into the grave around 3pm.

Adisa was killed on Thursday, September 15.

PUNCH Metro gathered that the attack happened on the school premises on the last week of the first semester examinations.

Our correspondent learnt that Adisa, who studied Art and Printing, had completed his National Diploma and matriculated as a Higher National Diploma student of the institution a few weeks before the



• The remains of the victim

attack.

The victim was said to be with his classmates on Thursday night when an unknown caller asked him to come down from his classroom building.

Adisa was reportedly shot in the head while waiting for the caller under a tree as policemen from the Sabo Police Station carried his body to a mortuary.

His father, Bello Akoredele,

said the family was expecting him back home on Friday when he was supposed to have completed his examinations.

"The landlords in my area came to my house around 11pm on Thursday to narrate everything to me. They said their children, who attended the same school with him, saw a video of Adisa lying lifeless. I could not watch that video," he said.



• Adisa

Bello said the school authorities had yet to call or visit him on the death of his second child.

He said, "I want justice to be done. We spent much on my son for him to just die like that. It is shocking. The police must find his killers."

A close relative, who identified himself only as Lukmon for security reasons, said he suspected Adisa was killed

because of his girlfriend.

He said, "A classmate playing a game with him said his phone beeped and he left the classroom. They said he was under a tree near the department and the range from where he was shot was about 15 steps. I heard that he and some guys were fighting over his girlfriend."

"The girlfriend has provided the PIN to his phone. I told the police that I have the PIN, but they have not called back to provide any update. The police said they wanted to do investigations and needed to conduct an autopsy and some tests. We wanted to bury him quickly, so they demanded N150,000 and we paid."

A female friend of the victim, who did not want her name mentioned for security reasons, said he was easy-going.

She said, "There was nothing he could have done to warrant such an attack."

The institution's Public Relations Officer, Joseph Ejiofor, confirmed the incident.

He said, "The school isn't happy that a student lost his life. The police are working on it. The management is trying to ensure that such does not happen again."

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Benjamin Hundeyin, confirmed the incident.

He said investigation had yet to reveal if Adisa was attacked by cultists.

Our correspondent gathered that another student was shot dead during the matriculation ceremony at the sports centre of the school, making it two attacks in a month.

A security expert, Anselm Ozueh, said cultism must be eradicated from campuses.

"Cultism is condemnable and an ideology that is not fundamental to humanity," he added.