

Bloody clash: TASUED senate

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THE management of Tai Solarin University of Education, Lagos, Ogun State, has said that a suspected cult group incited the students of the institution against the host community in the Imaweje area of the state.

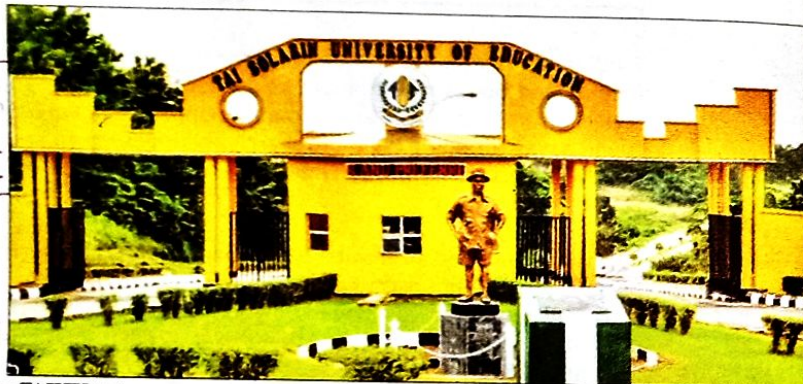
This is just as the institution's Senate had summoned an emergency meeting on the matter for Tuesday (today).

This is following the clash that ensued between the students and the Imaweje residents on Sunday, which claimed the life of a student and during which the house of the community leader and others were burnt.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Abimbola Oyejemi, confirmed the incident to *PUNCH Metro* on Sunday.

The school management, in a statement on Monday by the institution's Public Relations Officer, O. A. Odubela, A.O., noted that the community had allegedly been experiencing nefarious activities such as rape and snatching of phones by some unidentified persons.

The PRO stated, "The



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university management received reports of a clash between some unknown persons suspected to be cultists and some members of the Imaweje Community.

"The Imaweje Community has allegedly been experiencing nefarious activities by some unidentified persons such as rape, snatching of phones, etc, particularly late in the evenings and at night in particular.

"To safeguard lives and properties, the Imaweje Community and other host communities set up a vigilante

outfit to curb all incidents of rape, snatching of phones, and most importantly cultism."

She stated that according to information at the disposal of the university, the community, to end the nefarious activities, intensified their efforts through the community vigilante.

"This did not go down well with this unidentified group which subsequently attacked the Baale's son," she added.

The PRO stated that the community intensified their efforts to patrol the area and on

Friday, May 26, 2023, around midnight, an arrest was made.

She added, "Upon searching the alleged suspect's residence, various weapons were said to have been discovered in his possession.

"In the course of the interrogation, the suspect gave up the ghost. The suspect has since been identified as a 300-Level student of the university.

"In a reprisal attack, suspected members of his group, upon learning of his death, incited the student populace, thus turning

the issue into a 'student versus community clash.'"

She added that this led to the burning of the house of the Baale and two other chiefs in the community and the subsequent decision of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Oluwale Banjo, to shut down the campus.

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When contacted, the institution Students' Union Government President-elect, Akinjetan Emmanuel, who said he was only

speaking as a student because he had not been inaugurated, urged the students to vacate the university environment for now.

"It was a crisis between the community and (some) unknown persons.

"I'm speaking as a student. Health is wealth, if we have sound health, that is when we can further our education. The student should vacate the environment

because we don't know what will happen (even) in 10 minutes," the President-elect said, urging fellow students to move to a safer place.

The police spokesman in the state, when contacted for an update on the investigation, could not immediately provide details as he said the command was still busy with the ongoing inauguration activities in the state.

24-year-old man killed by police bullet

Uthman Salami

RESIDENTS of Oregun, in the Ikeja area of Lagos State, were thrown into panic in the late hours of Sunday after a 24-year-old generator engineer, Idris Jagun, lost his life to a stray bullet fired by a

policeman.

PUNCH Metro gathered that some people were reportedly fighting on Oregun Road late hours on Sunday when a police patrol van arrived at the scene.

Jagun was reportedly shot in the thigh after a bullet was fired by a yet-to-be-identified policeman, who had allegedly shot into the crowd when the

policemen were said to have come down from the van to disperse the crowd.

In a viral video seen by our correspondent, a man was heard saying "Policemen have killed somebody. They have killed somebody."

Jagun was said to have been rushed to the hospital where he was confirmed dead by the

medical doctor on duty.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Benjamin Hundeyin, who confirmed the incident to *PUNCH Metro* on Monday, said he could not provide further details about the incident.

"Yes, we are aware of the incident. I don't have details yet," the PPRO simply said.

Command keeps mum as policemen seal Rivers h

Dennis Naku, Port Harcourt

OPERATIVES of the Rivers State Police Command on Monday sealed two hospitality spots, the CSKR

Ogbonda.

It was gathered that the armed operatives were from the C4i Intelligence Unit of the state police command.

Our correspondent who



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He said, "In the early hours of May 29, 2023, around 2.55am, my phone rang and my manager informed me that men of the C4i Tactical Team of the Nigeria