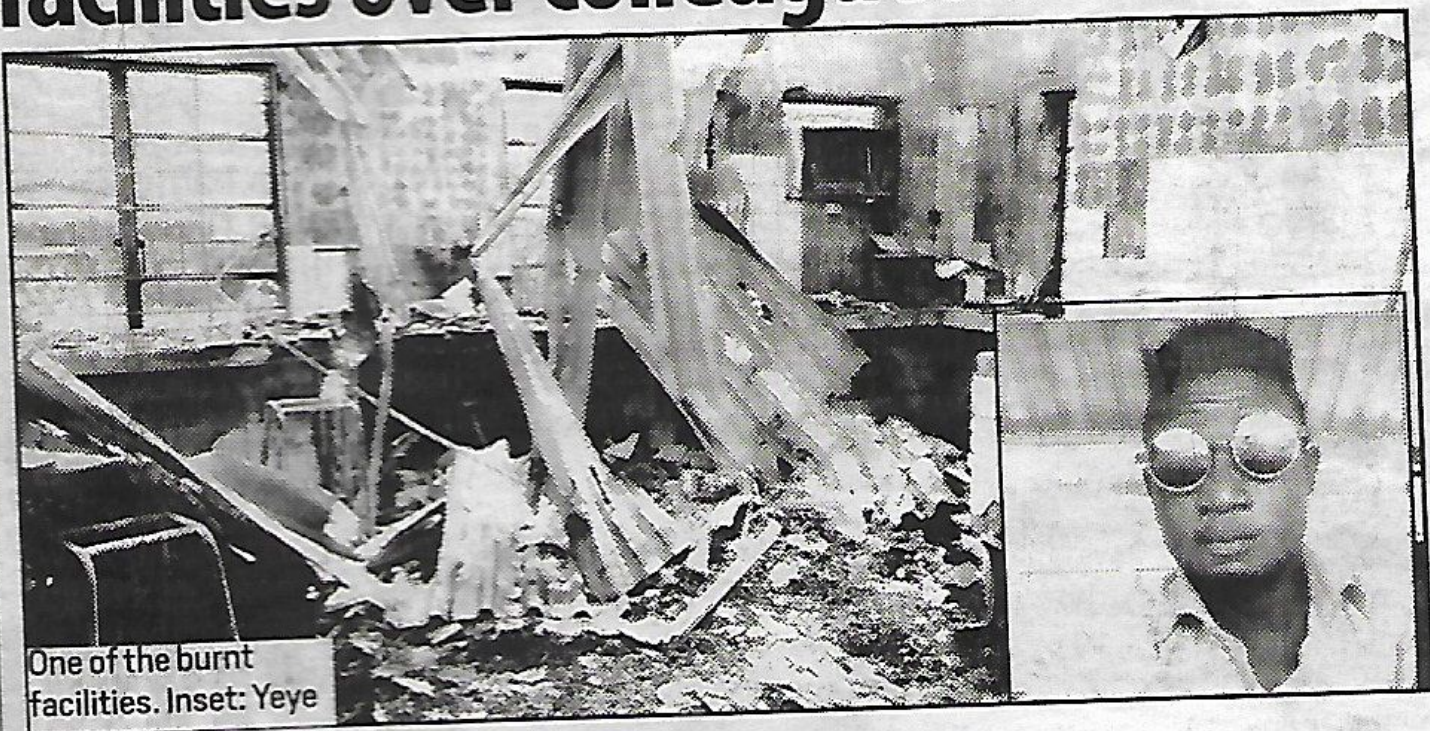


FUT Minna students damage N25m facilities over colleague's death



One of the burnt facilities. Inset: Yeye

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Students of the Federal University of Technology, Minna, Niger State have embarked on a violent protest over the death of their colleague.

They reportedly destroyed facilities said to worth over N25 million.

The victim, Emmanuel Olalekan Yeye, a 300 level Chemistry Education student of the university, reportedly slumped and died on a football pitch.

The student in the School of Science and Technology Education was rushed to the university clinic for treatment.

It was learnt that there was breakdown of law and order in the university about 6:30p.m. on Wednesday when Yeye slumped on the football field and was rushed to the university clinic for treatment but was unattended to by the medical staff.

But when contacted on the phone, the Information Officer of the university, Mrs.

Lydia Legbo, said the student "had died on the field before he was rushed to the medical centre".

Legbo said a management meeting was held on the issue yesterday where a decision was taken to investigate the cause of death of the student.

It was learnt that every Wednesday is devoted to sports in the university.

At the clinic, it was learnt that the staff declined to attend to the student because there was no means of identification that could ascertain whether he was a student or not.

Despite plea by students, while others rushed to search for his school and medical ID cards, the student died, thereby causing an outrage.

The development, however, resulted in a violent protest by students leading to the burning of the entire clinic where medical and laboratory equipment, medicament and standby generator valued at almost N25 million were destroyed.