

Cult clash: Abducted varsity lecturer found dead

By Kolade Larewaju

ABEOKUTA — A LECTURER at the Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye, (OOU) in Ogun State, Mr. Seun Oyedola, has been found dead, in the aftermath of Friday's cult clash on the campus of the institution.

Oyedola, an English Language lecturer, had been declared missing after last Friday's cult clash at the Abusi Edumare campus of the institution in Ijebu-Igbo during which members of the Eiye Confraternity and the Buccaneers engaged themselves.

The deceased who was said to have been invigilating an examination when the cultists' truck was said to have taken him by his heels with his students, after which nobody could say where he had escaped to.

Unconfirmed sources said that he was abducted by the cultists before his corpse was found yesterday in a bush behind Popoola Hospital, Ijebu-Igbo.

The university's Public Relations Officer, Mr. Niyi Odule, who confirmed this to newsmen yesterday, said that the deceased was found by a

search team.

Oduwale disclosed that Oyedola's corpse was found behind Popoola Hospital, which had been converted to a hostel adding that he was macheted on the legs while

his mobile handset was beside him.

The PRO who explained that the face of the deceased was buried in the ground said that the institution could not ascertain whether any part of

the body had been tampered with.

According to him, the police have been informed to evacuate the corpse, while members of the deceased's family have also been invited.

Court remands ex-SSG, Commissioner in prisons custody

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OSOGBO — AN Osogbo High Court Judge, Justice F. O. Olawoyin, yesterday ordered two principal officers in Governor Bisi Akande's administration in the state to be remanded in Ilesa Prison till today.

The officers are the former Secretary to the State Government, Sola Akinwumi and ex-Finance Commissioner, Chief Lere Adebayo, who have been standing trial alongside Mr. Lanre Oladeji for allegedly diverted N126 million meant for the construction of the multi-million naira Bola Ige House into their private pockets.

The trio have been standing

trial since December 2004 following their alleged involvement in the mismanagement of N126 million meant for the construction of the Governor's Office named "Bola Ige House."

The accused persons who have since January 2005 been granted bail by an Osogbo High Court presided over by Justice Jimmy Bada however had their bail revoked at the resumed hearing yesterday.

Following the appointment of the trial judge, Justice Bada as a judge of the Appeal Court, the case was subsequently transferred to Justice F.O. Olawoyin.

At yesterday's hearing, counsel to the state government, Otunba Kunle Kalejaiye told the court that since the

case was transferred to a new judge, the bail earlier granted to the accused person be revoked.

Otunba Kalejaiye further argued that the accused persons could no longer enjoy the bail granted them as the earlier judge had been appointed a judge of the Appeal Court.

Defence Counsel, Mr. Yemi Giwa, however objected to Kalejaiye's submission calling for a continuation of the bail by the three accused persons.

In his ruling, Justice Olawoyin upheld the submission of the state counsel and ordered that the accused person be remanded at the Ilesa prisons till today following which the defence counsel is expected to make formal application for bail.

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