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Offa Poly student, guard die in well

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ILORIN—TWO persons, including a student of Federal Polytechnic, Offa, died at the weekend at Igbawere in Offa Local Government Area of Kwara State while fetching water from a well.

Igbawere, a village close to the permanent site of the polytechnic, along Ojoku Road, has been thrown into mourning as a result of the incident.

Vanguard reliably gathered that tragedy struck when one of the deceased, Akorede Sodeeq, an National Diploma, ND, 1 student of Business Management of the polytechnic, was trying to fetch water from the well, but suddenly fell in.

The second victim, a security guard, who according to a student, saw the sad scene from afar, reportedly rushed to the entrance of the well and jumped inside it in a desperate effort to rescue the student.

Vanguard further gathered that the security guard, however, failed to rescue the student and also died in the well before anyone could come to their rescue.

The two persons were discovered dead inside the well about 30 minutes later, when another student wanted to fetch water from the well.

Sympathizers were said to have quickly alerted fire fighters in Offa Division, who quickly raced to the scene to bring out the two corpses.

Vanguard reliably gathered that the two corpses have been deposited in the mortuary of Offa General Hospital.

Students of the polytechnic, who craved anonymity, told Vanguard that the late student was an easy-going person and one of the brilliant students in his department.



A PEOPLE: Traditional dancers at the annual Mbapur festival in Mbula Kuli Village, Demsa Local Government Area, Adamawa State, yesterday. NAN PHOTO.

No police gun was found in my bedroom, says Edo monarch

By Simon Ebegbulem

BENIN—THE Oba of Sasaro clan in Akoko Edo Local Government Area of Edo State, His Royal Highness, Azutorome Unuaikhazor, weekend described as untrue reports that a police rifle was found in his bedroom.

Recall that a report had alleged that a police rifle was found in the monarch's bedroom after youths of the community attacked officials of a quarry company, following the death of one of the youths working with the company.

Oba Unuaikhazor, who described the report as

misleading, said after he mounted a search for the missing police gun, one of the youths brought the gun out, which he handed over to the DPO in the area.

He said: "The action of the police led one of the angry youths to collect the gun from the policemen.

"I was informed that the police rifle was missing. So I came out of my palace and started shouting that these youths should not invite trouble to Sasaro clan.

"I kept shouting, asking whoever was with the gun to return it to me.

"Later, I saw a young man

coming with the gun. It was my wife that led him to the kitchen, where the gun was kept safely.

"I know the implication of illegal possession of fire arms, that was why I went about calling for the gun. That same evening, at about 7pm, the DPO and his team came to my palace to report the missing gun. I told them that it had been found.

"I personally led him to the kitchen and gave it to them. The DPO expressed his appreciation and left with his men. Next day, I was told that the state Police Commissioner has heard about the incident and that he is inviting me to come to Benin.

"I went to Benin to meet him. After discussing with him, a discussion that was not meant