

Hit-and-run driver kills 100 level FUTA student

●Students' protest disrupts vehicular movement for hours

By Dayo Johnson

AKURE—MEN of Ondo State Police Command had hectic time, yesterday, placating students of the Federal University of Technology, Akure, FUTA, who blocked the Ilesha-Akure highway, over the death of a 100 level student of the institution.

The 100 level Mathematics student, Israel Anuolowapo, was allegedly killed by a hit-and-run driver in front of the university main gate.

It was gathered that he was knocked down about 1000 metres from the gate of the university on the Ilesha-Akure Road, Tuesday.

According to an eye witness, "he was immediately rushed to the university health centre from where he was transferred to the state hospital, Akure due to the severity of his injuries.

"He was, thereafter, rushed to the Trauma Centre, Ondo State where he died later that day."

Based on the fact that many students of the institution had suffered same fate in front of the institution in the past, other students in their hundreds, yesterday, blocked the Ilesha-Akure highway, chanting solidarity songs, thereby causing gridlock, leaving motorists with no option than to stay put at a spot for hours.

The students demanded that the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing should erect speed-breakers on the expressway to reduce the recklessness of some drivers.

An eyewitness said it took hours for men of Ondo State

Police Command to placate the students before the barricades were removed to allow free flow of traffic.

The state police spokesperson, Femi Joseph, confirmed the death of the student, adding that normalcy had returned to the institution. He said government had agreed to erect speed breakers on the expressway.

He said: "When we got the information of the protest, we immediately swung into action and appealed to them (students) but normalcy has returned to the place now."

The Head of Media and

Protocols Unit of the institution, Adegbenro Adebajo, in a statement called for measures to curb accident along Ilesha-Akure following the death of their student.

The statement read: "The Federal University of Technology, Akure has received with shock the death of one of its students, Israel Anuoluwapo, a year one student of Mathematics.

"The university has notified and commiserated with the family of the student over the unfortunate incident and pray that God will give them the fortitude to bear the painful loss.

Cultists kill guard in Lagos

By Evelyn Usman

A private guard was, Tuesday night, hacked to death by some cultists along Joseph Akinoola Street, Alasia, in Ijanikin area of Lagos State.

The death of the guard identified simply as Abiodun, brings the number of persons killed in the ongoing cult war between Aiye and Eiye confraternities in the area to five in three months.

A resident, Mrs Foluke kolawole, told Vanguard that Abey, as he was fondly called, "was engaged as a private guard two years ago, owing to series of robbery attacks in the area. Those that attacked him on Tuesday were eight in number and were armed with cutlasses and sticks. They did not stop until they were sure he was no longer breathing.

"Abey was killed about 10 metres from where a wine seller, identified as White, was killed by cultists two months ago. White was also beaten to death with a rod.

"In White's case, a couple and another resident, who took him to the hospital where he was confirmed dead, were arrested for murder. That was why nobody attempted rushing Abey to the hospital."

Another youth in the area, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said: "The battle of supremacy between Aiye and Eiye has been on for long. It got to a state where innocent persons were killed simply because they were unfortunate to be in the midst of their friends who are cultists, when rival cult group struck."

Policemen from Ijaniki division, according to residents, arrived the scene later to evacuate Abey's corpse. The corpse was, yesterday released to his family for burial.