

FUTA student, 2 others killed in Ondo auto crashes

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AKURE—Three persons, including, a 200-level student of the Federal University of Technology, Akure, FUTA, Ondo State, Adeyinka Daniel, were killed in separate accidents in Ondo State.

It was gathered that Daniel of the Software Engineering Department was involved in an auto accident at about 10 pm, Monday, along Oyemekun Road in Akure, the state capital.

Three other students sustained serious injuries in the crash and are receiving medical attention at the university's health centre.

It was also gathered that a similar accident involving a petrol tanker and some motorcycles same Monday night around Sabo Lipakala area in Ondo town, Ondo West council claimed two lives while four others were injured.

FUTA students protest death of colleague

Meanwhile, students of FUTA, yesterday, barricaded Akure-Ilesa expressway for hours causing gridlock as they protested the death of their colleague in the auto accident.

Workers and visitors to the institution were prevented from exiting and

gaining access to the campus through the two gates leading to the institution.

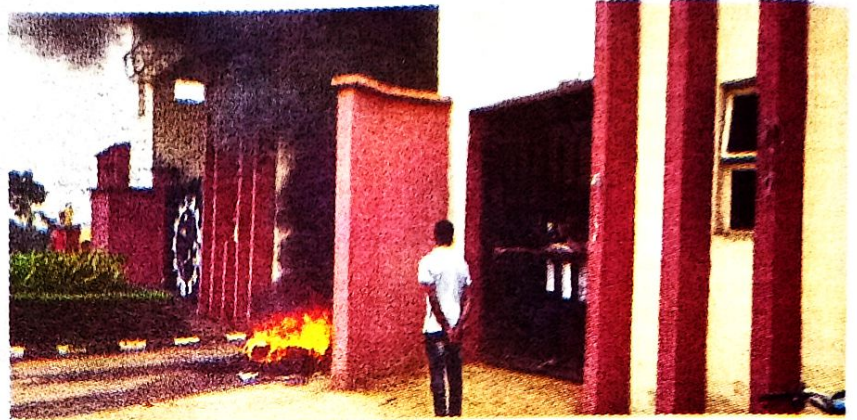
Vanguard gathered that the late student was involved in an automobile accident outside the university campus but when reportedly rushed to the health centre, he was not attended to on time.

Speaking on the incident, National President of Ondo State Students Association, Ayode Kikiwo, who is also a student of the institution, said the victim died due to negligence on the part of the institution.

Also, some of the students alleged that the death of the student could have been avoided if the security guards at the gate had allowed the victim access on time and promptly attended to at the institution's health centre.

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Reacting, the institution's Registrar, Richard Arifalo, in a statement, said: "The management of the Federal University of Technology, Akure, FUTA, expresses deep sadness at the demise of one of its students, Adeyinka Daniel,



Bonfire by students of FUTA at the institution main gate to protest the death of their colleague.

200-Level of Software Engineering Department, in the early hours of August 3, 2021, following an automobile incident along Oyemekun Road Akure.

"We commiserate and identify with family, friends and fellow students of the deceased on this very painful loss of a promising student. The university is particularly saddened by the circumstances leading to his death.

"From available information, the deceased student with others were involved in an accident outside the campus around 10 pm on August 2, 2021.

"They were first taken to a private hospital where doctors battled to save their lives. Three of the students were stabilised but Daniel's condition remained critical. When the condition of the student deteriorated, the doctor at the private hospital referred him to the Federal Medical Centre, Owo for expert intervention.

"At that time the parents of the student and some relations had joined him at the private hospital and it was decided, because of the time factor, to bring him to the University Health Centre.

"The deceased student was brought to the university health centre at 3.20 am and the doctor on duty promptly attended to the student in the parents' car.

"According to him, all resuscitative efforts proved abortive; there was no cardiac activity and response to any stimuli. And by 3.40 am he declared that he was brought in clinically dead.

"The doctor offered to take the boy to the morgue with the university ambulance but the parents declined, electing to take him home ostensibly for burial.

"The medical report from the private hospital, which was brought along with him indicates that the student was clinically non-responsive by 1.30 am well before they got to the university health centre at 3.20 am. The death is regrettable."

However, *Vanguard* gathered that the driver of the petrol tanker that crushed the two other persons to death and injured four others lost control and rammed into motorcyclists resulting in multiple accident.

The corpses of the deceased have reportedly been deposited at the University of Medical Sciences mortuary in the town.

Vanguard learnt that the four persons, who sustained injuries, are also receiving treatment at the intensive care of the same hospital.

How I escaped from kidnappers den —14-yr-old hawker

By Dayo Johnson

AKURE—A 14-year-old JSS 2 student, Felix Adekunle, kidnapped in Owo area of Ondo State, has narrated how he escaped from the kidnappers' den after he was abducted while hawking slippers after school hours.

Adekunle, who spoke with newsmen in Akure at the office of the state security outfit, codenamed Amotekun, said an old woman whose son was beheaded gave him N500 transport fare after he escaped.

The victim, a student of Furaben International College, Owo, was hawking slippers along Okemapo Road in Owo, when he was abducted by three men last Monday.

He said the old woman, was kidnapped with his murdered son.

According to him, "it happened while I was selling slippers after school. I decided to come back to the market for my sales. I walked through Okemapo road, which is a shorter route to the market where I saw three men that told me that some of my goods had fallen off.

"I quickly dropped my goods and went after the allegedly fallen wares. I got there and couldn't find anything after which the men immediately

dragged me into a vehicle and I became unconscious.

"I later found myself in a dilapidated bungalow in the thick forest. I saw a woman crying with her hands tied backwards sitting by a headless body of a young person.

"I asked her who was the person and she responded that it was her child. At that point, I was hearing the men's voices inside the house. The woman told me to remove the rope she was tied up with and we fled together.

"While fleeing, the woman fell. She called me back and gave me N500 and said I should keep running and never look back. I heard gunshots from the house where I was running, which made me run faster.

"When I burst out of the bush, I saw some people selling bread by the roadside and narrated my ordeals to them. They called the police who did not respond and later got the Amotekun who responded swiftly and took me to their office.

Speaking on the incident, the state Commander of Amotekun, Adetunji Adeleye, said men of the Intelligence Unit of the security outfit rescued the 14-year-old boy.

Adeleye, while handing over the boy

to his mother at the command's headquarters in Akure, said: "We got a distress call that some vehicles drove recklessly along Benin/Owo road. While tracing the vehicle we later ran into the young boy, who said he was running away from three kidnappers from Owo.

"The victim also explained that the only thing he could remember was a Camry car without a number plate and having tinted glasses. He added that he became unconscious immediately he was pushed into the car. He explained to us that the area was isolated as he could not call on anyone.

"We took him away from the danger zone to our office where he narrated his experience."

Mother lauds state Amotekun

Speaking, the mother of the victim, 41-year-old Mrs Abosede Adekunle, said she searched for her son who did not return home throughout Monday after hawking for the day.

Abosede said she thought that his son misplaced the proceeds from his sales hence his refusal to return home.

She said: "I was surprised to get a call from the state Amotekun that I should come and pick my son that was rescued from the kidnappers.