

OAU students protest killing of colleague by mob over alleged phone theft

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O SOGBO—AGGRIEVED students of Obafemi Awolowo University, OAU, Ile-Ife, Osun State, yesterday, protested over the lynching of Okolie Arinze, a 500-level Civil Engineering student of the institution. Arinze was said to have been mobbed by students resident inside Awo Hall, on Monday, before he was handed over to the Students' Union leadership, where he was allegedly detained till Tuesday, when he collapsed and was pronounced dead on getting to the hospital.

The protesting students from the Faculty of Technology, stormed the Students' Union building and shut it down, demanding that it should be locked pending the outcome of investigation.

They also barricaded the main road, thereby blocking vehicular movements in and out of the campus until the Dean of Student Affairs, Prof. Isiaka Aransi, addressed them.

Speaking on behalf of the students, President of Technology and Engineering Students' Association, who simply identified himself as Ayanfe, said the students want the SUB shut as well as proscription of the SUG till further notice.

He said, "It is unfortunate that the stories we are hearing now is disturbing, the students' union leaders are no where to be found. To this end, we demand that the investigation be extended to the

Central Student Executive Council. We also demanded that representative of the Faculty of Technology be part of the investigating panel.

"For now, there shouldn't be student representative on campus till after the investigation. We also demand that parading and beating of suspects should be stopped henceforth on the campus."

We'll ensure justice is done—School mgt

Responding, Aransi said the management would ensure that justice was done and non of the culprits would be allowed to go scot-free.

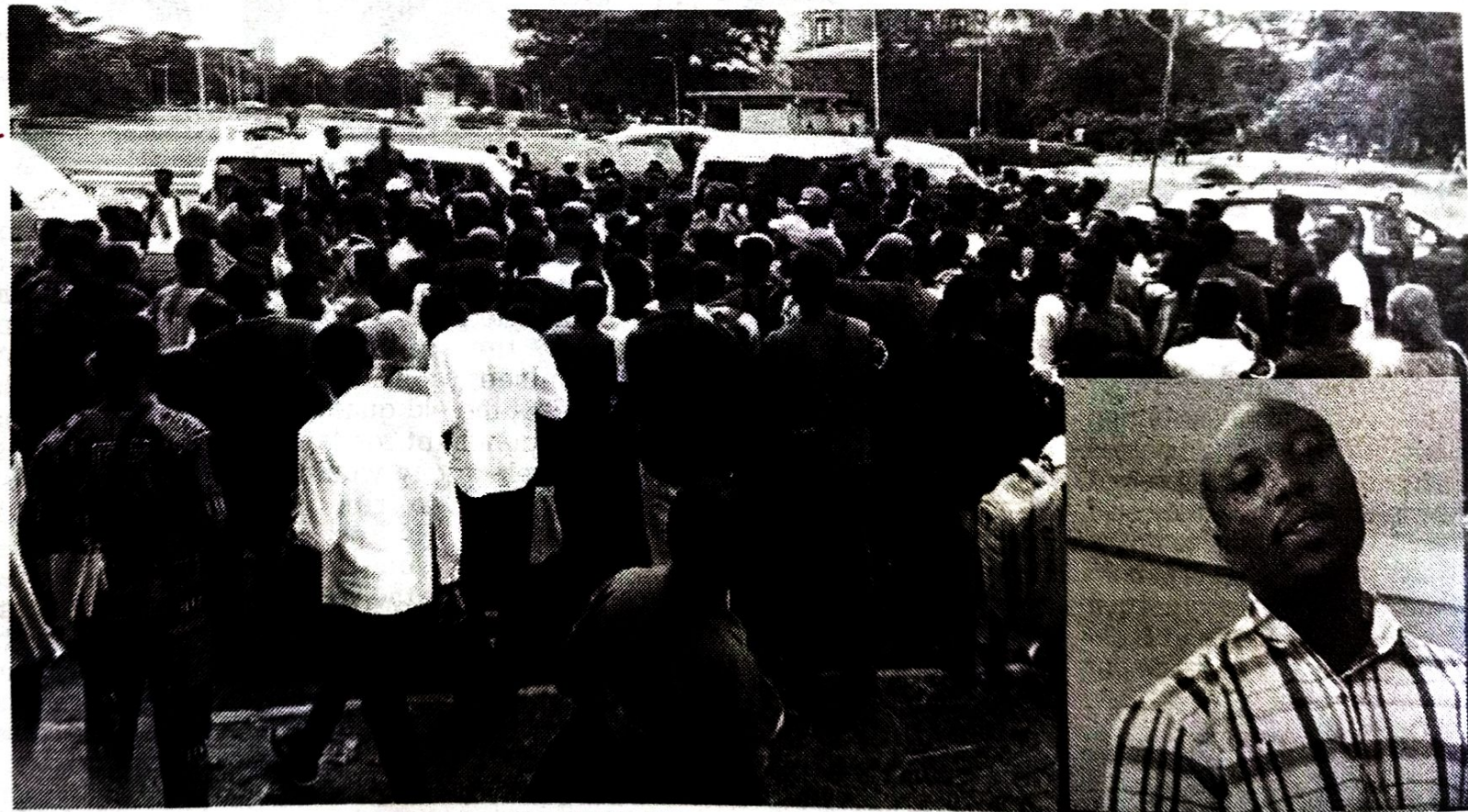
Vice Chancellor of the university, Prof. Simeon Bamire had after the incident on Tuesday in a statement by the Public Relations Officer, Abiodun Olarewaju, constituted a committee to unravel the

circumstances surrounding the death of the student.

Police arrests 2 suspects

Meanwhile, Osun police spokesperson, Yemisi Opalola said two student leaders have been arrested in connection with the incidents.

She said investigation was ongoing in the matter with a view to ensuring that everyone involved in the incident is brought to justice.



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