

Police, students clash

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THE Nigeria Police Station, Zuba in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Abuja is in the news again as at least five students of the College of Education, Zuba also in the FCT are feared dead following a violent clash between the students and the Police on Saturday.

It would be recalled that the Zuba police station was last December rocked by a controversy when angry mob was said to have killed a Mobile Policeman in retaliation to the killing of a commuter passenger by policemen from the station at their checking point. The Police were alleged to have killed the passenger when the vehicle conveying him to Kaduna refused to stop and part with money allegedly demanded by the policemen on duty at the point, though this was denied.

As at the time of going to press, *Sunday Champion* was unable to get any official comment on the clash but the students who spoke to our correspondent on phone alleged that no fewer than 15 of their colleagues were shot at by the police during the clash.

Commissioner of Police in charge of the FCT Command, Lawrence Alobi, stated in a telephone chat that he was not aware of such incident within the FCT. Sounding surprised at the possibility of such development, he nowever promised to deploy his men to the school as well as get in touch with the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) in charge of the station to ascertain the situation and take possible steps to restore peace and order.