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GHOST SCARE KILLS 2 VARSITY STUDENTS IN RIVERS

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DENNIS NAKU, Port Harcourt

TWO students of the Ignatius Ajuru University of Education (IAUE) were yesterday feared dead on Wednesday, while scores were injured, following a panic alarm on its main campus in Rumuolumeni, near Port Harcourt.

It was learnt that one of the students' raised the alarm after he allegedly saw a ghost about 3am a situation which resulted into panic and commotion.

The student, who was said to be reading in one of the lecture rooms at the time, shouted at the top of her voice that she saw a ghost in the two-storey building.

The alarm forced most of the students, including those asleep to run in different directions, even as some reportedly jumped through the window, culminating in the death of two, a male and a female.

Our reporter, who visited the scene of the incident, observed that though the bodies of the deceased students had been taken away, blood stains on the ground near the two-storey building indicated that there were casualties in the incident, just as those injured were taken to a nearby hospital for treatment.

It was also gathered that two other students who were seriously injured were rushed to the University of Port Harcourt Teaching Hospital, UPTH.

A student of the Rivers State owned institution, Miss Happiness Danima, who spoke to our reporter, said most of the students were still asleep when they heard loud voices calling for help and reportedly saw people coming from the direction of the reading hall.

"We don't know what happened in this school. This morning (yesterday), we were sleeping when we had some students crying. Some students who went for night reading class started crying that the building wanted to collapse and some of them were jumping from the storey building.

"Some of those who jumped down died, and some were injured. They have taken the dead ones to the mortuary, while those injured were taken to the hospital.

"I am just standing in front of the building, nothing happened to it. Some of the students who were there last night said the building was shaking and wanted to collapse, but I am standing in front of the building, nothing happened," Danima said.

Similarly, Mr. Ibhaminava Robinson, another student in his account, said: "Students were reading there when the building started vibrating. They said evil spirits came to the hall and they started running for their lives and that was how they got injured.

"The whole building was vibrating and the students started running for their lives. The whole place was covered with blood, an indication that some students might have died in the incident."

Contacted, Public Relations Officer of the University, Ms. Ngozi Okiridu, told Daily Champion that only one male student died in the incident, pointing out that none of the buildings in the campus collapsed as was being speculated by some students.

"The students were reading when someone shouted 'see a ghost' and all of them started running. A male student jumped from the three-storey building and died instantly. Four others were injured and are now receiving treatment at the University of Port Harcourt Teaching Hospital.

"The fact is that none of the buildings in the school collapsed and the four students who were injured are in a stable condition," the university image maker stated.

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