

Kogi poly students protest killing of female student

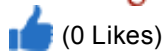
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Students of Kogi State Polytechnic, Lokoja, have blocked the Abuja-Okene highway to protest the alleged brutal killing of a female student of the institution by a motorcyclist.

Daily Trust gathered that Haliyatu Jibrin, an NDII student in the department of Office Technology Management (OTM) of the institution was stabbed to death in the morning by a motorcyclist over arguments bordering payment of transport fares.

It was further learnt that when the news of the student's death filtered round the campus, angry students of the institution mobilized and went berserk blocking the Abuja-Lokoja highway.

Our correspondent reports that heavy traffic gridlock mounted on the highway following the development before heavy detachments of Army, police and principal officers of the Polytechnic pacified the demonstrating students to clear the highway for motorists.

When contacted, Spokesman of the Polytechnic, Mr Tijani Yakubu, who confirmed the development said the polytechnic has been closed indefinitely to douse the situation.

He said all students have been directed to vacate the campus immediately until further notice.

Kogi Police Public Relations Officer, William Aya who also confirmed the incident said the Command despatched anti riot policemen to the area to maintain law and order.