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Pupils vandalise 15 vehicles as bus kills colleague

From Adeyemi Adepetun, Abeokuta

PUPILS of Itori Comprehensive High School in the Ewekoro area of Ogun State took to the streets yesterday to protest the alleged killing of one of their colleague by a commercial bus driver.

According to eyewitnesses, the bus going to Abeokuta from Lagos knocked down the male pupil at Agbon Junction in the Itori area.

The deceased was on his way to school at 7:30 a.m. yesterday when the bus driver veered off the road and knocked him down.

His aggrieved teen colleagues who were also heading for school immediately ran amock, vandalising vehicles passing through the area.

At the scene of the accident, no fewer than 15 vehicles, including other property, were vandalised by the protesting pupils, who blocked a side of the road.

An eyewitness, who identified himself as Kabiru, blamed the accident on over-speeding by the driver.

"We have been warning drivers on this road to be patient. They are very reckless. If the driver



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has been patient, the accident would not have occurred," he said.

Police spokesperson, Olufemi Awoyale, confirmed the incident.

He disclosed that the driver and conductor had been arrested, while the bus had been impounded.

Awoyale, however, denied that five students died in the accident.

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