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Student Stabs Colleague To Death In Makurdi

From Simeon Nwakaudu, Makurdi

TRAGEDY struck at the Special Science Secondary School in Makurdi on Thursday afternoon, when a disagreement over a plate of food between two students led to the death of one of them that was stabbed by his colleague.

An eyewitness told The Guardian that what started as a minor disagreement between both students on who owned the plate of food resulted in a fight.

According to the witness, in the course of the fight, the other student took a knife from the dining hall and stabbed his colleague.

The stab at the dining hall proved to be fatal as the student died instantly, leading to pandemonium in the school.

Shortly after the student died, other students in the school embarked on a massive riot to protest his killing since the student that stabbed him to death was said not to be an indigene of the state.

However, authorities of the school moved swiftly to inform the police and officials of the State Security team who acted promptly to stop the crisis from spilling into Makurdi main town, about five kilometers away from the institution.

Also, the state government announced the immediate closure of the institution, advising parents and guardians to take their wards, latest 6pm on Thursday evening as the police would take over control of the school.

The announcement, which was signed by the Security Adviser to Governor Gabriel Suswam, Col. Benjamin Abohol, (rtd) noted that students still in the school after the expiration of the given time would be flushed out.

When The Guardian visited the school yesterday, heavily armed policemen had taken over the institution after ensuring that all students had vacated the school. The policemen also took charge of the road leading to the University of Agriculture in front of the school, where they stopped and searched motorists plying the route.

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