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CONFUSION ensued at the Federal University of Agriculture, Makurdi (FUAM) as two students of the institution were reportedly killed after two suspected cult groups clashed on Monday evening.

Consequently, the institution yesterday directed that the students should proceed on an indefinite break



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However, in a swift reaction, the university said that no student of the institution died, insisting that only one student sustained injury and was rushed to the institution's clinic where he is receiving treatment.

The Guardian gathered that trouble started on Monday evening when two rival cult groups clashed at one of the private hostels close to the school being occupied by some students.

Eyewitnesses, who spoke with The Guardian, said two students were killed while several others were either injured or raped in the ensuing confusion.

Following the death of their colleagues, students yesterday protested the killing.

It was gathered that the students demanded better security for them and barricaded the university entrance gate, thereby preventing members of staff from resuming for work.

Efforts by the Dean of Students Affairs to calm the protesting students met stiff resistance as they shouted more violently and began to head towards the Vice Chancellor's office wielding dangerous weapons.

Some workers of the university who spoke under anonymity said they had to run for dear life when they discovered the students' violent posture.

But speaking with The Guardian, the university's Public Relations Officer, Mr. Joseph Zeekaan Fanafa, denied the rumoured death of any student in the crisis, noting that he did not see any corpse.

Fanafa added that the only one student who was injured in the clash was responding to treatment at the university clinic, adding that the stories about some students being raped or killed were untrue.

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