

## Students protest against killing of colleague in Benue State

**B**ENUE State has been thrown into mourning following the killing of a final-year Geography student from the state University in Makurdi.

Hundreds of protesting students took to the streets yesterday demanding the arrest and prosecution of those behind the killing. The students are also demanding the intervention of the state House of Assem-

bly in providing legislation to curb such killings in future.

The protest caused heavy gridlock along the Lafia-Makurdi-Otukpo and the Makurdi-Gboko federal highways for over three hours.

Meanwhile, efforts by security agencies to clear the road were rebuffed by the students, demanding all herdsmen to leave the state

for good.

Reacting to the continuous herdsmen attacks on Benue farmers, a youth activist while providing statistics of those killed between 2013 and 2016, called on President Muhammadu Buhari and the international community to halt the wanton killing once and for all.

The protest is the second within a week as Tiv youths last week gathered in Abuja, to

demand action from the Federal Government.

The governor, Samuel Ortom, had called on the Federal Government to do more to stop the attacks by herdsmen across the country. The governor, who led the State Security Council to the killing fields in Logo and Buruku local council, lamented the renewed attacks witnessed in the region.

However, the Commissioner of Police, Bashir Makama, has ordered his men to deal with anyone bearing arms illegally.

"Anybody that is seen with arms should be brought down. You cannot bear what is illegal to use it against anybody. Whoever is carrying any weapon, I have said should actually be arrested and prosecuted for that."

...General Committee members

Violence group threatens legal