

# Police Shoot Five Nasarawa Poly Students

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Five students of the Nasarawa State Polytechnic, Lafia are currently lying in a critical condition at the intensive care unit of Dalhatu Araf Specialist Hospital (DASH) from bullet wounds sustained from police gunshots on Wednesday.

The students were protesting the death of one of their lecturers who was beaten to death for allegedly using mystical powers to take the manhood of another man in Lafia on Tuesday.

Though the lecturer who was identified as Emma Luka Angbayi had ran for safety to the police post at the railway station and identified himself, he was forcibly taken out of the police post and beaten to death by hoodlums who threatened to burn down the station if he was not released to them.

The deceased who until his death was a lecturer in Citizenship Education at the Polytechnic was said to have presented his identity card but despite all pleas the hoodlums had gone ahead to beat him leading to his death.

The action of the police and the hoodlums had drawn the ire of the students who trooped out in their thousands at about 8am on Wednesday to protest his death when the police fired at the students.

According to eyewitness accounts instead of firing teargas or shooting into the air to disperse the students, the police had shot straight at the students.

*Daily Independent* gathered that the police also arrested about two lorry loads of students. Meanwhile the school authorities have announced the closure of the school indefinitely.

All efforts to get the police to react to the incident proved abortive.