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**Daily Independent (Lagos)****Nigeria: Two Die As Police, Students Clash At Ondo Varsity**

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Akure — On Thursday, the sleepy town of Akungba-Akoko in Ondo State became a battle ground for policemen and students of Adekunle Ajasin University (AAU). It resulted in the death of two persons.

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Several others, including two policemen, were injured. The police station in the town was torched.

A peaceful protest by the students against the university authorities turned into violence when anti-riot policemen broke up the protesters who barricaded the Owo-Ikare Road.

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The Divisional Police Officer who led the team opened fire in the direction of the students to send a signal that the police meant business.

But bullets hit a motor cyclist operator who died on the spot.

This sparked off a violent reaction from the protesters whose number was increased by a large crowd of town dwellers.

The crowd marched to the police station and set it ablaze.

Eyewitnesses said the second victim was killed by a mobile policeman among the team that stopped the protesters from burning another police station in the neighbouring town of Supare-Akoko.

However, Police Public Relations Officer, Adeniran Aremu, said no person was killed but two policemen were seriously injured.

The students were protesting the decision of the university to shift to a later date semester examination for which the students had resumed last Monday.

A source said the examination was postponed when it became clear that the local Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) would continue with its strike.

Governor Olusegun Mimiko has ordered the immediate closure of the university and that all the students should vacate the campus.

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He also announced the sack of AAU Vice Chancellor, Philip Abiodun, and directed security agents to ensure the safety of lives and properties in Akungba Akoko.

Mimiko appealed to the university community to eschew violence and ensure that peace returns to the area while the government looks into the matter.

He named an AAU governing council of 12 members, chaired by Erastus Akingbola, Intercontinental Bank Chief Executive.

Other members are Amos Eniola Akingbohunbe, R. O. Omowa, A. O. Adebayo, Ropo Sekoni, Mohammed Modibo, Dan Nwanyanwu, Gboyega Ajayi, Adenike Fatogun, Wale Akinterinwa, Ige Bolodeoku, and Florence Seriki.

The new governing council will be inaugurated later this month.

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