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AAUA Students Protest Death Of Colleague Killed By Driver

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The students of Adekunle Ajasin University trooped out in their large number to protest the death of their colleague, identified as Ojo Afolabi Daniel who was allegedly killed by motorist.

The angry protesters barricaded the Ikare-Owo Expressway, preventing vehicular movements on the highway, thereby causing traffic gridlock for several hours while bonfires were also set at many places on the expressway.

The angry students paralysed all economic activities in the ancient town of Akungba in Akoko South-West Local Government Area of the state yesterday.

LEADERSHIP Sunday learnt that the deceased who was a 200level student in the department of Economic Education of the institution, was also a commercial

motorcyclist in the town.

According to a reliable source, Daniel, who sponsored himself from the proceeds made from his okada business, was allegedly hit by a high-speed vehicle along Owo-Ikare Expressway on Friday night.

The source told our correspondent that the deceased died in the school ambulance on the way to the Federal Medical Centre, where he was being rushed to.

The death of the student was said to have ignited the protest on Saturday as the students blamed the school authority for not providing adequate facilities in the school ambulance.

According to one of the protesters, "The school has an ambulance without an oxygen, if there was an oxygen in the ambulance, our colleague would not have died before getting to Owo, which is a less than 30 minutes journey from Akungba"

It was also learnt that men of the Ondo State Police Command and other security agents were present at the scene of the demonstration to prevent breakdown of law and order.

Efforts to get the reaction of the Public Relations Officer, PPRO, of the state police command, Mr. Femi Joseph proved abortive not as his telephone was switched off when a call was put across to him.

While reacting to the incident however, the Public Relations Officer of the AAUA, Mr. Sola Imoru, said the students were just protesting the killing of their colleague who was killed by a motorist, not against the school management.

His words: "The students demonstration of this morning is against the recklessness of motorists plying the Akungba-Ikare highway and not against the university management and neither were the students blaming the management."

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