

Four feared killed in Delta students/police clash

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NO fewer than four students were feared dead at the weekend at the Ozoro Polytechnics, Delta State following a clash with the police.

One of the victims was said to be a female student who drowned while trying to escape.

Three male students were hit by stray bullets it was not certain who fired the shots.

Trouble broke out when the school authorities called in the police to quash protest by students who were prevented from writing their examinations.

The student, who were yet to pay their school fees, were barred from writing the examinations.

However, the matter took a turn for the worse when the students stormed the examination hall in protest.

The school has been shut to prevent further loss of lives. The police imagemaker, Assistant Superintendent Ishaku Banawi, denied the death of any student.

He, however confirmed that policemen were deployed to maintain peace in the school.

There was no such thing; what happened was that there was a protest which threatened to get rowdy. The police were called in and they handled the situation without firing any shot," he said.