

Student killed in accident

IT was a sorrowful day at the Nasarawa State University, Keffi (NSUK) last Friday, when a 100-Level student of Business Administration, Blessing Ayandi, was crushed to death at about 7pm in an accident along the busy Keffi-Akwanga way.

According to her friends, the late Ayandi who was writing her first semester exam had gone to Keffi town to buy something that evening. She was on her way back when the motorcyclist carrying her suddenly veered off the speed bumps to the pedestrian walkway, thereby losing control. As both of them fell onto the main road, an oncoming lorry ran over them. The student died on the spot. As at press time on Tuesday, the motorcyclist was reported to have survived it.

The sight of Ayandi's crushed body sent students wild with wailing. Some ran to cut leaves with which they covered what remained of her while others descended on the lorry, smashing it completely. No one could say what became of the driver, though he was believed to have run away in the confusion. The melee held traffic for hours.

Soon after, policemen were

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deployed to the scene by the early hours of the following day, Saturday. Students had remained at the venue throughout the night, chanting songs and mourning their fallen colleague.

With the arrival of the policemen from the Keffi Area Command, the situation turned chaotic as some Students Union Government (SUG) leaders were harassed and assaulted by the police who also used teargas and gun shots to disperse the riotous students.

The situation was soon contained by the university's Registrar, Alhaji Dalhatu O. Mamman and some other principal officers who came to the scene.

It could be recalled that a couple of months back, the Federal Road Maintenance Agency (FERMA) constructed speed bumps on the high way, and the university management as well as provided some shuttle buses to cushion the incessant motorcycle accidents.

As a mark of respect to the late student, that Saturday was declared an exam free day and all exams fixed for the day were shifted to March 31.