

# Student dies in hostel explosion

**A**N explosion has rocked the Abraka campus of the Delta State University (DELSU), killing a student and injuring two others.

The victim, simply known as 'landlady', was a final year student of Chemistry.

The incident occurred some minutes past 8am last Thursday while some students were still sleeping. Others, who had got up early were either relaxing or preparing to go to the library.

There was pandemonium, following a deafening sound from the Council Hall, a female hostel. Thick smoke billowed from the roof of the hall. What caused the blast?

CAMPUSLIFE gathered that the explosion may have been caused by a gas cylinder.

When our correspondents visited the scene,

students gathered to discuss the incident. Some thought it was a "bomb explosion".

A resident of the hall insisted that it was caused by a gas cylinder. She said: "The first thing we felt was a vibration, which shook the building to its foundation. Initially, I thought the hostel was going to collapse, but when I ran out of my room I saw smoke com-

ing out of Room 24."

CAMPUSLIFE gathered that the late 'landlady', who was on fire, ran out of the hall. She was said to have tried to put out the fire by staying under the shower. She ran out for help when that did not work.

Many did not take anything before running out of the hall. A student said: "I quickly

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recovered all my files and essential documents and then ran for my life."

Eyewitnesses said the fire was put out by the male students, who live in a nearby Abraka Hall. They moved into the building to ascertain what caused the blast. They were later joined by the school security personnel and fire fighters.

CAMPUSLIFE learnt that three students, who are occupants of the room were burnt. They were rushed to the university health centre, but transferred to the Eku General Hospital.

The affected Room 24 has six occupants but only three of them were around when the incident occurred.

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