

Soldier kills student in Akwa Ibom

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AN undergraduate student was yesterday shot dead while many were injured by soldiers in Ikot Osurua, Akwa Ibom State.

The student's name was given simply as Josephine of the Department of Business Management of the state's owned Polytechnic, Ikot Osurua in Ikot Ekpene Local Area of the State.

Blessing Etim, one of the students currently on admission at the General Hospital in Ikot Ekpene following the injury she sustained from the incident said that they (students) were on a peaceful protest over the kidnap of their Rector, Mr. Sylvester Akpan when the incidence occurred.

Blessing said the soldiers who attempted to disperse them from continuing their protests, fired gunshots into their midst which resulted in the death of Josephine who died at the Hospital due to excessive bleeding.

"When the soldiers started shooting, some ran back home only for the soldiers to trace them to their rooms, dragged them out and beat them mercilessly. Thereafter, I did not know what happened again until I saw myself on the hospital bed," Blessing narrated.

Another student said that they decided to go on a peaceful protests on major streets in Ikot Ekpene because they were not satisfied with the progress made by security agencies in the area of who, they relied on to secure the release of the Rector.

Meanwhile, the state governor, Chief Godswill Akpabio had in his reaction to the ACN/PDP clash on Tuesday said that the federal government has given a shoot at sight order in the state in view of the impact that the crisis had generated.

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