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Protest: Students barricade East West Road over killing, rape of colleagues

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ANGRY students of the Federal University of Petroleum, Ugbomro, Uvwie Local Government Area of Delta State, on Thursday, went haywire blocking East West Road of the Ughelli/Warri axis, over the deteriorating security situation in the school.

The porous security situation at the institution, according to them, has led to incessant stealing, rape, assault, and killing of one of them by members of the host community on Wednesday.

The students, who blocked the Ughelli/Warri axis of the road with logs, rocks among others to traffic for hours, in protest over incessant hoodlums attack against students in the school's host community, were armed with placards and were chanting war songs.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that the allegedly killed student by the host commu-

nity's youths was a final year student of the Department of Mechanical Engineering identified as Chuka.

He was said to be returning home from a friend's place when some youths suspected to be community indigenes shot him in the head and later bolted away with his belongings.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that Chuka died on the way to hospital where he was being taken for prompt medical attention.

The students in their hundreds, took over the Ugbomro axis of the East West Road at the wee hours of Thursday, disrupting traffic till near mid-day before security personnel moved in to disperse them.

One of the leaders of the protesting students, who spoke on anonymity, said, "We can't take it no more. For so long in Ugbomro, students have become easy prey to hoodlums who terrorise us

daily, especially at night.

FUPRE's Public Relations Officer, identified simply as Mr Boniface, could not be reached for comment, ditto for the Vice Chancellor, Professor John Ovwata Efeotor, who just returned from a vacation.

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