

Ekiti: Fed poly shut after protest over death of 2 students

• School's health centre set ablaze

• Only one person died — Management

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THE Federal Polytechnic, Ado Ekiti, Ekiti State, has been shut indefinitely following violent protest by students.

The students were protesting the death of two of them in alleged mysterious health circumstances.

It was gathered that trouble started late Friday, when two of the students reportedly complained of malaria fever.

They were said to have been rushed to the institu-

tion's health centre for treatment but sources claimed that their condition later aggravated. They were said to have died in the early hours of Saturday.

The news of the death of the students infuriated others, who mobilised and marched to the health centre to set it ablaze.

Apart from destroying other property on sight, the students blocked all roads leading to and from the institution.

One of the students, who pleaded not to be mentioned, decried the attitude

of the authorities to their welfare and well-being, claiming that their welfare was poorly handled.

The students alleged that the health centre lacked requisite drugs and equipment.

Reacting to the development, the polytechnic's authorities confirmed the death of one student, saying the student had forcibly been discharged from Ekiti State University Teaching Hospital against medical advice.

A statement by the institution's spokesperson,

Adeyemi Adejolu, in reaction to the riots, said the students destroyed a number of school property.

Adejolu said: "Report came from the teaching hospital on the morning of Saturday, October 7, that the patient was forcibly discharged against medical advice and also without the input or knowledge of the polytechnic about the patient's whereabouts.

"This was the situation until the alleged death of the student was broken on campus heralding the violent protest with the students go-

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Glo's TV series seeks support for ex-convicts, HIV patients

EX-CONVICTS seeking reintegration into society as well as people living with HIV, this week, found succour in the popular TV drama series, Professor Johnbull, sponsored by national telecommunications operator, Globacom.

The new episode of the series, called Stigma, is dedicated to the campaign against stigmatisation and discrimination of ex-convicts and people suffering with HIV and other communicable diseases.

The programme runs at 8:30p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays on NTA Network, NTA International on DSTV Channel 251 and NTA.

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