

Fayemi's wife's convoy attacked

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HOODLUMS on Tuesday attacked the convoy of the wife of Ekiti State governor, Mrs Bisi Fayemi, in Oye-Ekiti, Oye Local Government Area of the state.

The hoodlums were said to have hijacked the protest embarked upon by students of the Federal University Oye Ekiti (FUOYE) over incessant power outage in the community.

Fayemi's wife was returning from a tour of the local government in continuation of the state-wide visitation and empowerment of women in the state.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that the hoodlums went on the rampage after the students' protest and attacked vehicles in her convoy.

The hoodlums were said to have engaged the security operatives in violent clashes and vandalised no fewer than 10 vehicles.

Journalists, civil servants and police officers who were part of the convoy were also attacked and sustained various degrees of injuries.

One police vehicle was also attacked and burnt by the protesters.

It was also gathered that one unidentified person was reportedly killed during the clash. A source who was part of the entourage said, "Virtually all the vehicles in Mrs Fayemi's convoy were vandalised and she (Mrs Fayemi) was spirited away from the scene in a Toyota Hilux van, not even her official vehicle, through Ayegba-ju-Ekiti.

"The hoodlums set burn-fire on the road and smashed vehicles in Mrs Fayemi's convoy. They over-powered security agencies in the convoy and we only escaped by the grace of God."

When contacted by *Nigerian Tribune*, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) of the state Police Command, Caleb Ikechukwu, confirmed the attack on the governor's wife.

Ikechukwu explained that the students protested in the morning and blocked the Ifaki-Ikole-Omuo highway and prevented free flow of vehicles.

He said, "The students did not allow vehicles to move freely and they vandalised the property of the Benin Electricity Distribution Company.

"When police went there

to dialogue with them, they resisted. The wife of the governor who was on a tour of local government ran into the barricade mounted on the road.

"The students were reported to have been violent, destroying cars and smashing the windscreens of vehicles

"I want to debunk the social media reports that one person was killed. Nobody was shot and I want to say no live was lost in the whole scenario.

"We want to warn that the command won't tolerate hooliganism under any guise. We want to assure members of the public that the police are on top of the situation and our people must go about their normal businesses."