

FUTA students protest colleague's death in auto crash

Petrol tanker kills two motocyclists, four others injured

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STUDENTS of the Federal University of Technology, Akure (FUTA) on Tuesday took to the streets to protest the death of a 200-level student of the institution, Daniel Akinyele, who died from injuries sustained in an auto accident on Monday night.

Akinyele and three others were said to have been involved in a crash around Cathedral area of Akure, at about 10:00 p.m. and rushed to a hospital.

He was later pronounced dead at the hospital.

The students, therefore, converged on the Akure /Ilesha road on Tuesday morning, barricaded the road and hindered vehicular movement for several hours in protest over the death.

The students also prevented people from entering or coming out of the campus, just as they laid the blame of their colleague's death on the institution's management.

Some of the students who spoke to **Nigerian Tribune** explained that if the security guards at the gate

had allowed the victims to be rushed in on time and promptly attended to at the FUTA health centre, the deceased might have survived the accident.

The national president of Ondo State Students Association, Mr Ayoade Kikiowo, attributed the death to the negligence of FUTA management board.

Meanwhile, the management of the institution, through the registrar, Mr Richard Arifalo, has expressed sadness over the death of the student, but said he was brought to the university's health centre clinically dead.

In a related development, two persons lost their lives while several others were injured in an accident which involved a petrol tanker and many motorcycles in Ondo town, headquarters of Ondo West Local Government Area of the state.

At least four people were said to have sustained serious injuries in the accident which occurred around Sabo Lipakala area of the town on Monday night during a rainfall that lasted about 30 minutes.