

Students on the rampage over colleagues' alleged death

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ALL hell was let loose in Ughelli, Delta State at the weekend, as secondary school students embarked on a violent protest over the allegation that two of their colleagues died in a ghastly motorcycle accident that left one other with serious injuries.

Numbering over 500, the students went on the rampage in Ughelli metropolis, when news filtered to them that two fellow students of the Afiesere Grammar School, Afiesere-Ughelli, were killed on their way to school after two commercial motorcycles rammed into each other around the bridge on Afiesere-Ughelli Road.

It was learnt that the students were irked by the resolve of the school authority to go ahead with a text earlier scheduled for the day irrespective of the news of the students' death.

The angry students created human and vehicular traffic along the busy East/West road and some major streets in the town for several hours, vandalising valuables and unleashing brutality on commercial motorcyclists.

It, however, took the intervention of members of the Ughelli vigilance team, who shot sporadically into the air, for normalcy to be restored to the area.

While confirming the involvement of some of his students in the accident, a worker in the school told journalists, who visited there after the incident, that none of them died in the incident.

The worker, who pleaded anonymity, said that one of those involved in the accident was seriously injured and currently receiving treatment in a private hospital, "while the other two were taken back home as their cases were not serious".