

# Police patrol van kills two students in Ondo

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**T**WO students of Oyenusi Memorial Grammar School in Ode-Irele, Ondo State, were on Thursday killed by a police patrol van in pursuit of a tanker allegedly used for illegal oil bunkering in the area.

Our correspondent learnt on Sunday that the two students died on the spot while the third student who was hit

by the patrol van was still receiving treatment in a hospital in the town.

The police van, which was pursuing a truck reportedly laden with oil, was said to have had a break failure and lost control following which it ran into a group of students returning from school.

The policemen were also said to have fled from the scene

without making any effort to rescue the dying student.

It was also gathered that the students later marched to the divisional police headquarters in the town in protest and threatened to burn down the station.

A source told our correspondent that the DPO tried to calm the angry students but they refused to listen to him following which he threatened to use force on the students.

The DPO's threat was said to have angered the students who went berserk and set two vehicles at the station ablaze after vandalizing the police station.

The two vehicles set ablaze included a police patrol van and a Sport Utility Vehicle newly purchased by the DPO. Detainees in the police custody were also said to have escaped following the commotion.

The Police Public Relations Officer for Ondo State, Mr. Adeniran Aremu, who confirmed the incident, said it was an accident.

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He, however expressed regret that some top politicians that he investigated while in office were not penalised.

He stated, "Look, we don't know what has become of people like a former Senate President, and a former Minister of Education that we investigated and found culpable for the act of corruption."

He, however, charged all the registered political parties in Nigeria to include the fight against corruption in their manifestoes to eradicate

corruption from the nation's political system.

He said that if the fight against corruption was included in the campaign promises of the parties, the tendency to indulge in corruption would be minimal and thus enhance the socio-economic growth of the country.

He noted that the political class would have been a different setting altogether if the politicians had prioritised the fight against the scourge since the return of the present democratic experience stressing that corruption had become endemic in the society.