

# Vehicle kills two pupils in Osogbo

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**E**MOTIONS boiled over in Osogbo, the Osun State capital, when the driver of a Peugeot station wagon vehicle ran into a group of pupils crossing the road in front of their school.

Two of the pupils, a boy and a girl, died instantly.

The gateman taking the pupils across the road was also injured in the incident.

Police Public Relations Officer, Osun State Command, Mr Joshua Olayemi, who confirmed the incident on Monday, said the driver would be charged to court as soon as investigations were concluded.

The school, Royal Heritage School, which is located along Odi-Olowo road, Osogbo, was deserted as the management declared a break as a result of the incident.

When our correspondent

got to the school, on Monday, there were no pupils.

Speaking with our correspondent, one of the teachers said, "It's only Daddy (Proprietor) that could comment on the issue. The vehicle climbed the median and ran into the pupils.

"The gateman had crossed one of the dual carriage roads. He had taken the pupils to the

median. There were more than two pupils with him. He had flagged down vehicles to cross the other road when the accident occurred.

"Vehicles had stopped when the station wagon appeared from nowhere and ran into the pupils. We are resuming on Wednesday."

On his part, Olayemi said, "We are investigating. We won't

be rushed. We have heard different sides to the story. We will come to a conclusion after our investigations."

A group, Committee for the Defence of Rights of the People, had last week condemned the lackadaisical attitude of the Federal Road Safety Commission to safety regulations on the highways within the state.

## Cultism: Bida Fedpoly suspends 150

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**T**HE authorities of the Federal Polytechnic, Bida, Niger State, have suspended 150 students of the institution over cult-related offences.

The Rector of the polytechnic, Dr. Abdullahi Sule, stated this at a press briefing on the institution's 13th convocation and 30th anniversary in Bida on Monday.

Sule said that the

management of the school would investigate the level of involvement of the students and clear those found innocent.

He, however, maintained that none of the teaching and non-teaching members of staff of the polytechnics had been identified to be involved in cultism.

Sule expressed the determination of the management of the polytechnic to ensure that the

students of the institution excel in academics and morals.

The rector lamented the poor enrolment of the students for science and engineering-related courses.

He urged both the Federal Government and states to devise ways to promote science education.

He described the topic of the convocation lecture: "Polytechnic education as a tool for technological development" as very apt in