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A student of the Ekiti State University, identified simply as Yusuf, has died in an auto crash that occurred on Ife-Ibadan Expressway.

It was gathered that Yusuf, who was a 100-level student of business administration was going home on Monday after the school management closed the institution when the accident occurred.

Authorities of the Ekiti State University, Ado Ekiti, had shut the school and directed students to vacate the campus latest by Monday.

It was gathered that the closure was as a result of the coming governorship election in Ekiti State expected to hold on June 21.

An eyewitness, David Akonni, told *PUNCH Metro* that other passengers in the bus were also injured.

According to him, majority of those involved in the accident are students of EKSU who are going home.

He said, "We just saw a bus on top speed and as it approached, it somersaulted. Many of those in the bus got injured, while one young man died.

"The victims' identity cards were on them, so we knew they were from EKSU. We tried to rescue the one that died but to no avail."

One of the Students Union executive member of the school, Ifade Segun, confirmed the accident, lamenting that the student sacrificed his life for election in the state.

He said, "It is true. EKSU students were involved in a ghastly accident yesterday (Monday) along the Ife-Ibadan Expressway. They were going to their respective homes due to the unexpected mid-semester break declared by the school management over Ekiti State governorship election.

"One has been confirmed dead, while several were injured. Now the question is how many of us would lose our lives because of an election? We are not happy with this."

Though attempts to speak with the Public Relations Officer of EKSU failed, a top official in the university told our correspondent that the school management sent the students home to ensure security of their lives.

"We sent them home for their safety. Events unfolding here are scary and we cannot afford to keep the students within the campus. The Senate approved a mid-semester break, lasting three weeks from Monday, July 9, 2014.

"Students of the university are to vacate their hostels immediately and are expected to resume for academic activities on Monday, July 30, 2014 after gubernatorial election would had been concluded."

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