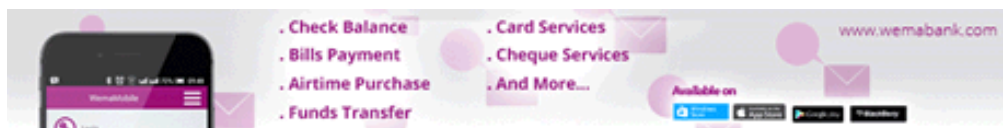


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SCORES of angry students of the University of Port Harcourt on Monday stormed the University of Port Harcourt Teaching Hospital and chased away doctors and nurses before locking up the gate of the hospital.

The students, who had earlier blocked the East-West road before storming UPTH, were protesting the death of a Theatre Art student.

They (students) expressed dissatisfaction over an alleged level of neglect of the students admitted to the hospital for treatment.

According to them, over 20 of their colleagues had died in UPTH as a result of negligence by health workers, including the doctors.

One of the students, who preferred to speak on condition of anonymity in order not to be victimised, explained that a female student of Theatre Art died on Sunday night in UPTH as a result of doctors' refusal to attend to her when she was brought in.

"Students die on a daily basis due to the carelessness of the doctors and nurses in the hospital. We pay medical fees to the management of the university (UNIPORT), but the hospital still does not care about our health.

"We want the management of the university to review the relationship between UPTH and UNIPORT because this will help us (students) to know our stand when we have health challenges," the aggrieved student said.

Also, one of the spokespersons of the protesting students, Judith Oyila, said they were enraged because they another student in UPTH.

"We are angry because we have lost another of our student again in UPTH, a 200 level student of Theatre Art. She died because of neglect by the doctors and nurses in that hospital.

"How could it be that a student slumped and students rushed her to UPTH but the doctors left her for over six hours without treatment and the poor girl died. We want the world to hear the injustice that we are facing here even in the hand of the doctors in our institution's hospital.

"The doctors abandoned her without treatment. They gave flimsy excuses, saying no bed to keep her, no fuel; no ambulance until she died. The doctors forgot that we pay for health.

"We want the government to sanction the school and UPTH for this. We also want government to compel them to do a review of their policies as it concerns students' health," Oyila said.

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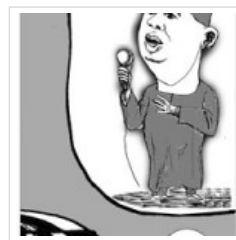


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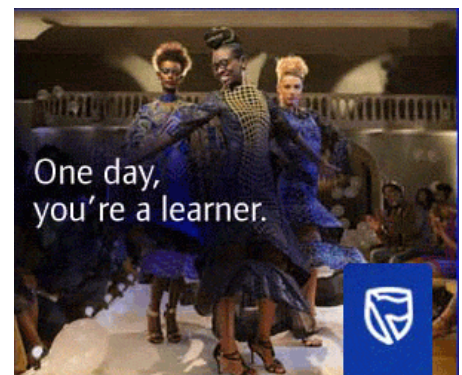
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