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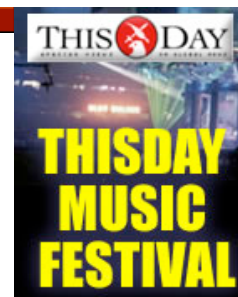
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## 4 Feared Dead as Students Clash with Chime's Convoy

From Wole Ayodele in Lokoja , 10.03.2007

No fewer than four persons, including two students of Kogi State University, Ayangba, were feared dead yesterday, in a violent demonstration that involved the convoy of Enugu State Governor, Sullivan Chime, students of Kogi State University and members of the National Road Transport Union Workers (NURTH) at Ayangba. Also, several vehicles, including a vehicle belonging to Peace Mass Transport, Abia Transport Company and a trailer carrying cement to the eastern part of the country were seriously damaged and vandalised in the mayhem that shattered the serene academic community. Shops and business premises were also looted and properties worth millions of naira vandalised by irate mob that took to the streets to express their anger over the shooting of protesting youths who blocked the road linking the eastern part of the country to the FCT by security men attached to Chime, who ran into them. The incident, THISDAY gathered, was ignited by the killing of two students of the institution who were knocked down by a vehicle, leading to the barricading of the expressway by the angry students who were later joined by youths from the community.

On getting to the scene of the accident, the governor's convoy was reportedly prevented from passing through and all efforts by the governor's security to disperse the mob were rebuffed just as there were attempts to vandalise some of the vehicle's in the governor's convoy. After failing to disperse the crowd, the security men were alleged to have shot sporadically into the crowd after earlier shots into the air failed to achieve the desired objective, which resulted in the shooting of two more people. A senior official of the university who spoke to THISDAY on condition of anonymity said several shops were looted and properties especially travelers were disposed of their belongings while the mayhem lasted. Also, Chairman, Igbo community association in Ayangba, Evangelist Denis Abo who spoke to THISDAY on phone stated that the rampaging youths used the crises to loot the shops of innocent traders who knew were going about their normal businesses. "My people has lost considerable part of their businesses to this incidence. Some of them were robbed to the tune of 300,000 while some have their shops completely looted and as I am talking to you nospect of the crises", he lamented.

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