

Five feared killed following students rampage -FRSC, Inland revenue building razed

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BENIN CITY: FIVE persons were feared dead yesterday at the Federal Polytechnic Auchi, Edo state, following the killing of a student by a police officer.

The office of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) and that of the Federal Inland Revenue were razed down by the angry students in reaction to the incident. However, the Police Command in the state through its spokesman, ASP Peter Ogboi, who exonerated the police from the ugly incident, confirmed that only one of the students was shot at about 2am by an unknown gunman.

The school authorities in a statement signed by Mustapha Oshioyibe, Spokesman of the institution, said normalcy had returned in the institution, saying that the alleged killing of a student of the institution, by a suspected police escort in a

luxury caused the unfortunate incident.

It was learnt that the incident which paralyzed activities in Auchi for several hours occurred at about 2am. But absolving the police from the incident, Ogboi asserted that "the students said they were preparing for their rag day but do students go for rag day around 2am?. They said a policeman in a luxury bus shot the student but we all

knows that we do not have luxury businesses in Edo state.

"The problem escalated when the students took the corpse of the deceased to the police station in the area to dump it, but the police said no you must take the corpse away. Please no body should involve the police, why did they not stop the luxury bus that night and get the police officer instead of waiting till

morning and start taking laws into their hands. We agreed that some body died but its not the police. We do not believe that story because we are aware that the Inspector General of Police has banned luxury buses from using escort. Meanwhile we have advised the student authority to report the matter formally to the police so that we can commence investigation" he stated.

No road block to 2011 elections —Ekweremadu

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The Deputy President of the Senate of the Federal republic of Nigeria, Senator Ike Ekweremadu yesterday said there is no reason why the Independent National Electoral Commission cannot compile the voters register as well as conduct elections in accordance as envisaged by the constitution because

every support needed from the National assembly has been provided.

Speaking with senate correspondents during a breakfast meeting in Abuja at the weekend, Senator Ekweremadu said as an Electoral body, INEC ought to have been preparing for both the update of voters

register as well as the conduct of the 2011 elections before now.

"According to the Deputy President of the Senate," I do not see any reason why INEC cannot conduct a free and fair election in January 2011. So I do not see whatever road block that can stop them from doing election in January.