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Five students killed in Ogun auto accident

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BY DAUD OLATUNJI

Tragedy struck in Abeokuta, the Ogun state capital Friday when no fewer than five students of the Federal College of Education (FCE), Osiele, were crushed to death by a tipper.

The incident, which occurred about 5:30 pm, caused pandemonium following the protest by students of the institution who trooped to the road and set ablaze no less than four trucks.

Saturday Vanguard gathered that the truck, loaded with granite, rammed into a taxi conveying the students and killed them on the spot.



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The development prompted their colleagues to barricade the Abeokuta-Odeda-Ibadan road which is opposite their campus with bonfire.

All travelers plying the road were trapped in the traffic snarl on the highway, making it difficult for motorists and commuters to proceed to their respective destinations for more than one hour.

Confirming the incident, the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Muyiwa Adejobi, said some miscreants hijacked the students' protest.

Adejobi, however said that only two students have been confirmed dead, saying there were conflicting reports on the number of victims involved in the accident.

He said the police had to disperse the protesters when their protest was spiralling out of control.

Adejobi added that the Police Commissioner, Ikemefuna Okoye, attempted to calm the protesters who, however, defied all entreaties.

He said, "The protest was hijacked by miscreants; it was not just a student protest again. The CP tried to address the protesters but they went on the rampage. The police had to dislodge them with teargas.

"Most of the students retreated when the management tried to address them but some hoodlums who hijacked the protest continued, threatening to burn all the tippers

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MY GOODNESS GOD, WHAT IS THIS COUNTRY TURNING TO, DEATH EVERYDAY, PAINFUL AND QUESTIONABLE BUT AVOIDABLE DEATH, I AM VERY SORRY FOR THIS COUNTRY, MAY THEIR SOUL REST IN PERFECT PEACE

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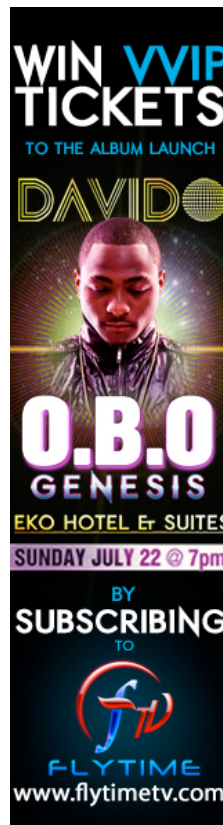
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Adeniyi

My heart goes out to the parents of these students at this difficult period. Our thoughts are with you all. It is hard to know. It is hard to believe. How do you console their parents? How do you plead with them about what happened? God, have mercy upon your children. People are really suffering. This is bitterness and sorrow at the edge of success.

But be as it may, the good God is coming to visit the parents of these fallen students. He is going to comfort them with his comforting words. God knows you and your names. Tommy Walker in one of his songs, wrote "I have a maker. He formed my



heart.He knows my name.He knows my every thought.He sees every tear that falls and he hears me when i call.He calls me his own and he will never leave me no matter where i go"God is not going to leave you alone to suffer.Because he knows all your names,he is coming to mitigate the effect of this tragedy and to make you whole again.Now,he is sending his love and his help from his holy hill to be with you.He is more than ready to hear your cry for help and to make you happy again.Believe in the fact that Jesus lives and because he lives,you can face tomorrow..Because he lives all your fears are going to be taken care of.It's well.

To the dead students,truly, you died young.You died at the prime of your lives.You died at the edge of success but be rest assured as you journey down to your maker that great is your reward in heaven.Goodnight and goodbye.
Tribute paid by,Gbadamosi Adeniyi Castro,from London.

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