Final year NOUN student crushed to death in Makurdi

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MAKURDI— A final year student of the National Open University of Nigeria, NOUN, Makurdi Study Centre, was yesterday crushed to death by a truck in front of the institution.

The victim who was identified as Moses Nnadever, was a student of Information Technology. He was said to be on his way to attend lectures when he met his untimely death.

Vanguard gathered from an eyewitness that the deceased was being conveyed to school on a commercial motorcycle when the truck driver lost control of the vehicle and ran into the motorcycle, killing the student on the spot while the bike rider sustained serious injuries and was rushed to a public hospital.

Angered by the mishap, students of the school wasted no time in rushing to the scene of the accident, barricaded the ever busy Makurdi-Aliade road and threatened to burn the ill-fated truck.

However, it took the intervention of the police who immediately arrived the scene and dispersed the aggrieved students with tear gas canisters.

"At that point, the enraged students started throwing stones at the policemen and insisted that the driver of the tanker who ran into the Nigeria Prisons office close to the school, be brought out and handed over to them."

The incident which caused serious gridlock on the major highway, almost disrupted ongoing examinations in the school while staff of the institution appealed to the students to desist from taking law into their hands.

Contacted, the Benue State Police Public Relations Officer, PPRO, Superintendent Daniel Ezeala, confirmed the incident, adding that the remains of the deceased had been deposited at a mortuary.