

Maritime varsity students protest death of colleague

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STUDENTS of Nigerian Maritime University, NMU, Okerenkoko, Delta State, yesterday, shut down activities at the institution following the death of one of their colleagues.

The decease, identified as Emmanuel Uyi, a part one engineering student, was said to have fallen sick in school but the absence of drugs and medical personnel at the clinic, denied the student any form of medical attention.

Efforts to move him to town for treatment proved abortive as there was no official boat to make the two hours trip to Warri.

A source at the school told *Vanguard* that the students had to task themselves to rent a boat that took him to Warri from where his family members took



The protesting students

him to Benin.

The source said that Uyi died shortly after getting to the hospital in Benin. When the news got to the school, yesterday, the students went on a protest, carrying placards with inscriptions such as "Justice for Uyi", "Emma must Go" and many others.

A student, who spoke with *Vanguard* on condition of

anonymity, said the leadership of the school led by Professor Emmanuel Adigio, the Vice Chancellor has neglected the welfare of the students and lecturers.

They called for the removal of the vice chancellor who they accused of not doing enough to better the lot of the university.