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Jackson, May 17 (RHC)-- In the U.S., the mayor of Jackson, Mississippi, and a state senator representing the city have apologized for the massacre of students at Jackson State College 51 years ago.

On May 15, 1970, local and state police opened fire on a group of students at the predominantly Black college, shooting hundreds of rounds in a 28-second barrage. Two were killed and a dozen injured.

Over the weekend, Jackson Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba and state Senator Hillman Frazier formally apologized at a special commencement ceremony for members of the class of 1970.

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