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Plateau Killings: UNIJOS Confirms 2 Students Killed, 3 Injured



University of Jos main gate

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The University of Jos (UNIJOS) has confirmed that two students were killed and three others injured during recent attacks in the Anguwan Kukuba community of Jos North Local Government Area, Plateau State.

The university management also stated that the injured victims are currently receiving treatment in hospital.

Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Tanko Ishaya, disclosed this on Thursday while briefing journalists on the impact of the incident on the institution. He explained that five members of the university community were affected — four students and one staff member.

He identified the deceased as Abel Joro Gershon, a 300-level Building student who was shot in the stomach during the Angwan Rukuba attack and died on April 5 at Jos University Teaching Hospital (JUTH), and Adeyomo Oluwafemi Temitope, a 500-level Quantity Surveying student who was shot dead on April 1 outside the campus along Bauchi Road.

Prof. Ishaya, on behalf of the university community, extended condolences to the families of the deceased students and residents of Angwan Rukuba, where unknown gunmen reportedly killed more than 30 people.

He noted that normal academic activities resumed on Tuesday across the university's campuses, adding that security has since been significantly strengthened.

The Vice-Chancellor also commended the response of security agencies, including visits by the Chief of Army Staff, Lt.-Gen. Olufemi Oluyede, the General Officer Commanding 3 Division, Maj.-Gen. E.F. Onyinlola, and other officials, who assured that the university remains a priority.

According to him, the management has aligned the resumption of examinations with the end of the Easter break, announcing that exams will continue on Monday, April 13, to allow students who travelled to return safely.

He emphasised that the university was never shut down and that no directive was issued for the evacuation of staff or students.

Prof. Ishaya added that while students were advised to use designated transport arrangements for the Easter break, the uncoordinated arrival of vehicles from various state governments and organisations created unnecessary panic.