

June 14, 2026 by [Olaide Oyelude](#)

Kogi varsity mourns as 300-level student dies



Prince Abubakar Audu University (PAAU), Anyigba, Kogi State, has been thrown into mourning following the death of a 300-level Biochemistry student, David Ocholi Solomon.

Two suspects have been arrested in connection with the incident.

Although the circumstances surrounding the student's death were sketchy as of press time, the institution's Vice Chancellor, Professor Salisu Usman, paid a condolence visit to the deceased's family in Lokoja on Friday.

The Vice Chancellor revealed during the condolence visit that the two suspects would face justice.

The Public Relations Officer of the institution, Uredo Omale, also confirmed the development.

According to him, the two suspects arrested in connection with the incident were picked up within two hours of the student's death.

He said the suspects who were arrested by the internal security of the University have been handed over to the law enforcement agency for further investigation and prosecution.

He said Professor Usman received news of the student's death while attending the 35th Annual National Conference and Convention of the Nigerian Political Science Association (NPSA) at the University of Ibadan.

Professor Usman conveyed the heartfelt condolences of the University Management, staff and students to the bereaved family, describing the death as unfortunate, painful and unacceptable.

Read Also: [How retired general died in kidnappers' den – Katsina govt, DHQ](#)

The Vice-Chancellor assured the family that the University was working closely with security agencies to ensure a thorough investigation of the incident, and that all those found to have played any role, directly or indirectly, would be identified and made to face the full weight of the law.

Related News

- CISLAC demands probe of alleged N36.9b Kogi security fund diversion
- 2027: Yahaya Bello's Senate ambition goes beyond Kogi Central - Oladele
- Kogi road accident claims 16 lives

He stressed that Prince Abubakar Audu University maintains a zero-tolerance policy towards cultism, violence, criminality and all forms of anti-social behaviour capable of endangering the lives and aspirations of students and members of the University community.

He further disclosed that the University had intensified security surveillance and strengthened existing security mechanisms across the campus and its environs to prevent a recurrence of such incidents.

He assured that further security reform and strategies will be unveiled in the next few days to strengthen the University's security architecture.

The Vice-Chancellor further stressed that Management remains fully on top of the security situation and is continually reviewing strategies aimed at ensuring the safety of students, staff and visitors.

Professor Usman reassured parents, guardians and members of the public that the University remains committed to providing a safe, peaceful and conducive environment for teaching, learning and research, adding that the institution would continue to collaborate with relevant security agencies to sustain security within and around the campus.

He urged the family to remain strong in this difficult moment and to support ongoing investigations by providing any information that may assist security agencies in uncovering the full circumstances surrounding the incident.

Professor Usman thanked Governor Ahmed Ododo for his tireless and continued support for the security of lives and property in the University.

He also appreciated the Ogohi-Onuh Anyigba, Alhaji Abu Shaibu Okolo, the Executive Chairman of Dekina Local Government, Hon. John Urah Ikani and all security agencies for their unwavering commitment to peace and security in the University.

Responding on behalf of the family, the father of the deceased student, Mr. Solomon Idachaba, expressed appreciation to the Vice-Chancellor and the University Management for the condolence visit, concern and support shown to the family.

He commended the University's prompt response following the incident and for its commitment to ensuring that justice is served.