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One killed, others injured as police crack down on students in Kano

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A secondary school student was killed yesterday in Kano as armed policemen tried to disperse protesting students of the state's polytechnic and college of education. Our

correspondents report that the dead student, who was identified as Sulaiman Mato was caught up in the protest.

The students, who were protesting over the strike embarked by their lecturers, burnt tyres and chanted songs. They were initially barred from entering the

Government House, but and were later allowed to see the Director of Special Duties, who assured them that the government would look into the problem.

The students also went to the emir's palace, but were not allowed in by the police. The spokesman of the students' unions, Com-

rade Nazir Garba, said they woke up to an industrial action by the teachers, and that some students then took to the streets to protest. He said the union was having a meeting with the school's management, when the protest began.

The Deputy Registrar Public Relations of the polytechnic, Sabo Ado Sagagi, said the crisis began when the state government refused to honour the agreement between it and the union of tertiary institution in Kano.

He said there was an agreement that the government would give the teachers a 35 per cent salary increase, but that after the lecturers called off their strike, the government sent a letter withdrawing the increase. He added that the management of the polytechnic was dismayed by the action of security men on the students.

The state's Police Commissioner, Tambari Yabo Muhammad, who was at the scene to assess the situation, alongside the Police Public Relations Officer, said they were on top of the situation. He however could not confirm that someone was killed in the incident.

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