



## Law school student found hanging in hotel room

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A 30-year-old student of the Nigerian Law School, Abuja, has allegedly committed suicide in his native Taraba State. Auwal Haruna was said to have hanged himself yesterday from the ceiling fan in his hotel room in Takum.

The Taraba Police Public Relations Officer, Joseph Kwaji, confirmed the incident to journalists in Jalingo yesterday, saying the matter is under investigation.

According to him, the body of the deceased was found dangling from a ceiling fan at a Guest Inn in Takum. He said the deceased, until his death, was a suspect in a case of murder involving his younger brother, Ahmed, who allegedly connived with their mother, Aisha, to murder their father, Haruna Mohammed. He said the deceased's brother (Ahmed) 27, was being detained for abducting and hanging his father to death in the suburb of Gembu over his father's alleged marriage of a second wife against the wishes of his wife.

There is an upsurge in suicide cases in Taraba which Mr. Kwaji, an Assistant Superintendent of Police, attributed the increase in cases of suicide to drug abuse and frustration.

"Most of these young men commit suicide as a result of drug abuse and frustration in life. Suicide is not the solution to our problems. Killing oneself is not only contrary to the laws of the land, but also against our religions," Mr. Kwaji said. Two incidents of suicide were recorded in Jalingo in February.

One involved a 400-Level student of the Taraba University, Friday Samson, 32, who poisoned himself to death over lack of funds to pay his school fees. The other incident involved a watchman, Saidu Babura, 45, who hanged himself on a tree at Hassan Primary School, Jalingo, after an alleged battle against drug abuse. In January, 21-year-old Mansur Tanko burnt himself to death in Jalingo because his father, Tanko Mijinyawa, allegedly refused to approve of his plan to marry. (NAN)

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