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Poly shuts down over student's death

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TENSIONS rose yesterday over the gruesome murder of a student by suspected armed robbers at the weekend in Kogi State, forcing authorities of the Federal Polytechnic Idah, to shut down the institution.

The Guardian checks indicated that an HND II student of the polytechnic from the department of Computer Science, Gabriel Adikwu, was stabbed to death on Saturday night in his lodge by yet to be identified robbers.

Life was snuffed out of Adikwu, an indigene of Otukpa in Ogbadibo local council of Benue State when the robbers invaded his apartment at Chelsea Lodge around 9p.m.

Following the killing, there was mounting tension in the institution as some students protested over the incident, wrecking havoc on the polytechnic's clinic.

When contacted, Personal Assistant to the Rector, Simon Omale, who confirmed the incident, said the management of the polytechnic has closed down the institution until August 6 to calm down frayed nerves.

Omale, who expressed sadness over the tragic death of the student, said his body has been taken home for burial.