

Police cadet dies of starvation in Kano

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A newly admitted police cadet, A.S Jika, has allegedly died of starvation at the Nigeria Police Academy, Kano.

Jika, a Course 9 cadet collapsed in a toilet while he eventually died in the early hours of yesterday, a police source said.

The Adamawa born young cadet, was one of the newly admitted students of the Department of Computer Science, at the Police University, Kano.

Revealing the sad development, the source, who pleaded anonymity, said the young Jika was rushed to the

He died of an ailment, Academy says

academy's clinic where he was confirmed dead.

"He was left untreated because there were no drugs and no medical officer to attend to him in the clinic, before he eventually died," the source added.

Narrating the harsh condition cadets are being subjected to in the name of regimental training, coupled with sudden slash in the daily allowance, the source alleged that cadets have been battling with continuous starvation and malnourishment, in the last two weeks, courtesy of the unfriendly policy of the Commandant Assistant

Inspector-General, Sadiq Abubakar.

"Since the new commandant assumed office, they've been providing very bad and inadequate food for us. The boy that died was not up to 20 years old. The boy wouldn't have died if they'd attended to him.

"The commandant also ordered the closure of the market and laundry and approved undeserved training exercises during lecture hours.

"Cadets collapse daily here during training due to fatigue, because it's either they're starved, malnourished, or both."