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It was a weekend of mourning at the Ahmadu Bello University (ABU) Zaria after two of its lecturers and a yet-to-be-identified person were confirmed killed in auto crash on Friday.

The two lecturers were of the institution's Department of Theatre and Performing Arts. The dead are Prof Samuel Kafewo and Dr. Martin Adegba both of whom were returning to Zaria after featuring on an AIT programme.

Another occupant of the vehicle and a lecturer in the same department, were injured in the accident and are currently on admission at the National Hospital, Abuja.

Director of Information of the University, Dr. Ismaila Shehu who confirmed the incident told The Nation that they were yet to identify the corpse of the third person.

Dr. Shehu described the incident as shocking and unbelievable, saying "we are still in shock. We don't have the details yet, but I can tell you that we lost Kafewo and Dr. Martin. Prof. Jenkins is seriously injured and is in hospital."

The lecturers had been working with the McArthur Foundation to build a Centre of Excellence for Development Communication in the university which was recently commissioned by the wife of the Vice Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) in the

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institution, Prof. Kabir Aliyu said the deceased were committed academics and colleagues who worked hard to improve the standard of learning in the university.

"We are shocked by this unfortunate development. They are committed academics and had gone for a programme aimed at improving their department. All of them, including the injured are from the same department," Prof Aliyu said.

"Two of our PG students were also involved. One of them died and the other is critically injured. We pray for the repose of the soul of those that died and quick recovery for those injured."

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