## Ex-student stabs teacher to death in Taraba



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Asecondary school teacher, Bassey Sardauna, has been stabbed to death by his former student at Government Model Secondary School, Jalingo, Taraba State.

Police spokesman Abdullahi Usman confirmed the incident, saying the teacher was attacked while in a tricycle (keke NAPEP) by his former student with whom he had an altercation.

"An ex-student conspired with his cohorts to stab his teacher, who was inside keke NAPEP.

"They had an altercation with the teacher and in the process stabbed the teacher. While taking him to hospital, he was confirmed dead," Usman said.

He said the police were looking for the suspect identified as James Williams, "with a view of arresting him to face the law".

Secondary school teachers across the state have suspended academic activities in protest and in order to mourn their late colleague.

Confirming the incident, Secretary of the Academic Staff Union of Secondary Schools (ASUSS), Taraba State chapter, Dr. Kazong Ishaku, expressed the union's shock over the incident and called for investigation and prosecution of the culprit.

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He said: "We have received the sad news that our colleague, Mr Bassey Sardauna, was stabbed to death. It is quite unfortunate and indeed it is a heartbreaking news. If this trend continues, it is like an ocean that will swallow all of us.

"It is in view if this that we demand that the state government put up a security architecture to protect staff and students in our public schools.

"That the government orders full investigation into the circumstances that led to this heinous act. That the perpetrator of this devilish act be brought to book.

"On this note, we wish to call on all teachers to suspend academic activities to mourn our member. Our members should wait for further directive from our union."