

200-level UNIJOS student found dead in hostel

As kidnappers invade polytechnic, abduct 24-year-old girl

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A 200-level student of Marketing Department, University of Jos has been found dead in her hostel by the institution's authorities, just as kidnappers invaded the main campus of Plateau State Polytechnic, Barakin-Ladi and abducted a lady from the senior staff quarters of the institution.

According to statement issued by the Plateau State Police Command, signed by its Public Relations Officer, DSP Tyopev Matthias Terna and made available to the Nigerian Tribune in Jos, the Angwan Rogo Police Division, Jos received a distress call at about 3:00 p.m from the security department, University of Jos on Sunday that some students of the institu-

tion raised the alarm over an unusual odour coming out from a room at Zion Hostel in Naraguta.

According to the statement, a combined team of police, university security and medical personnel of the university went to the scene of the incident. The door to the room was open and the body of one Mercy Naan, a 23-year-old 200-level student from the Department of Marketing, was seen and recovered to the university clinic.

It pointed out that the lady was confirmed dead by the medical doctor on duty at and her corpse was deposited at the anatomy mortuary of the same university for autopsy, adding that preliminary investigation further revealed that Miss Naan was reported missing by her parents to the security department on May 3.

The statement further pointed out that detectives from the state police command had since commenced investigation to unravel the mystery behind the death.

Also, a group of kidnappers, at about 12:00 midnight on Sunday, invaded the staff quarters of Plateau State Polytechnic, Barkin Ladi, and abducted a lady, simply identified as Miss Abigail at the residence of a member of staff of the institution Mr Ezekiel Rang.

The abductors reportedly subjected the occupants of the house to torture before they left with the lady.

Nigerian Tribune learnt that the abductors, who were six in number, gained access to the institution through a collapsed fence at the back of the institution and headed straight to the

residence of Mr Rang and released several gunshots into the air throughout of the operation which lasted for about 15 minutes.

The PPRO, who confirmed the abduction, said that the command was on the trail of the perpetrators of the act.

A boy, Kim Andrew Dido, a son to Reverend Andrew Dido, who was a chaplain at the polytechnic some months back, was abducted by kidnappers at the institution, but was later released.

A cross section of students of the polytechnic who spoke with the **Nigerian Tribune** appealed to the management of the institution to complete the erection of the school's fence and a mobile police station to stop unrestrained intrusion by marauders into the institution premises.