

Another UNIJOS student killed

School authorities assure staff, students of adequate protection

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AS the Plateau State government lifted the 24-hour curfew it imposed on Jos North Local Government Area, another student of the University of Jos has been stabbed to death by a commercial tricycle operator.

It will be recalled that about three students of the university were feared killed and many injured following reprisal after some of 22 travellers were killed last Saturday on Rukuba road.

Nigerian Tribune learnt that the victim, identified as Jeremiah Mathews Dalong, a 100-level of student in the Department of Geology, had boarded a tricycle on Bauchi road, and was heading towards the main campus of

the university when he was stabbed by the tricycle operator.

A source close to the university said the rider suddenly stopped on Bauchi road, stabbed the student in a broad daylight and pushed him out of the tricycle.

Efforts to reach the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in the state, Gabriel Ogaba, proved abortive.

However, the president, Students Union Government (SUG) of the university, Comrade Danladi Joshua Adankala, who confirmed the incident, lamented at the rate students of the university were being killed anytime there is crisis in Jos or any part of the state.

Adankala said in the reprisal that followed the death of

the 22 travellers, about three students were killed by hoodlums, while six were hospitalised, just as he said that others were still missing.

He said: "Within hours after the incident of August 14 [killing of travellers], security agencies combed the area and arrested more than 20 suspects as contained in the press release issued by the Nigerian Police Force, Plateau State Command. This means that the police can be effective, but unfortunately, the innocent students of the University of Jos are not given deserved attention."

The SUG president, therefore, appealed to the government to urgently mount a Mobile Police mini barrack between Naraguta village and the permanent site of

the institution, adding that the spot is gradually becoming horrible for students.

Meanwhile, the authorities of university have said all measures had been taken to safeguard lives and property of members of the university community, especially staff and students.

The acting Vice Chancellor of the institution, Professor Gray Goziem Ejikeme, in a statement signed by the university's Deputy Registrar, Information and Publication, Mr Abdullahi Abdullahi, said security had been beefed up at the various campuses and students' hostels to forestall any breach, just as he called on parents and guardians whose wards are residing within the university premises to put their minds at rest.