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Unpaid salaries: Two teachers die in Nasarawa

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Two teachers of the School-Based Management Committee, which is under the Nigeria Union of Teachers in Keffi Local Government Area of Nasarawa State, have reportedly lost their lives over unpaid salaries of in the state. The chapter's chairman,

Alhaji Aliyu Babayo, who confirmed the incident to *Saturday PUNCH* on Friday, attributed the death of the teachers to unpaid salaries, adding that many other teachers were on sick beds.

Babayo identified the deceased teachers as: Mr. Danladi Ibrahim and Mr. Zaccheus Olawuyi, saying that they fell ill and died as

they could not afford proper medical treatment.

He called on the State Governor, Umaru Tanko Al-Makura, to pay teachers' salaries in the interest of educational development in the state.

He, however, maintained that the affected teachers had not gone on strike because of their commitments to state

development.

A public school teacher, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said teachers in the state had not been receiving full salaries since the beginning of the year.

Although, the state government got N8.3bn as bailout to offset salary and pension arrears in the state, it has yet to pay up the arrears.

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