

Poly lecturer slumps, dies

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The Kogi State Polytechnic community was thrown into mourning on Monday after one of its lecturers, Mr Yakubu Nataala, slumped and died at his residence in Lokoja, Kogi State.

It was gathered that the residents of the area speculated that the late Nataala might have died due to his frustration over the non-payment of his salaries.

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PUNC Metro gathered on Monday that the lecturer received his salary last in July 2017.

According to sources, his inability to meet up with his financial needs had been a source of concern to him.

However, the Public Relations Officer of the institution, Luke Tijan, debunked residents' speculations.

The institution's spokesman told *PUNCH Metro* that the lecturer, who was earlier operated upon for ruptured appendicitis, died from complication arising from the operation.

Tijani, however, confirmed that the deceased was among lecturers that had not received salaries for many months.

“Yesterday (Sunday), we lost one of our lecturers in the polytechnic. He was earlier operated upon for appendicitis. He was among some of the lecturers that had not been paid salaries due to the screening,” he said.