

Student who fell off moving vehicle during protest dead –Plateau varsity

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The management of the Plateau State University, Boko, has confirmed the death of an undergraduate, who fell off a moving vehicle during a protest by students of the institution.

The incident, it was learnt, occurred on Tuesday when the students staged a protest following the kidnap of four of their mates by gunmen at Ndar village the previous day.

Those abducted were three female students, Phoebe Musa, Simi Choji and Janet Zinglat, while the male victim, Stephen Dazang, was also shot in the arm.

Although the abducted students were later rescued, the Dean, Students Affairs, Jacob Nangbes, at a security meeting convened by the university management after the protests, informed the gathering that a 100-level student of Mathematics, identified as Emmanuel Israel, who fell off a moving vehicle lost his life.

A statement issued after the meeting by the spokesman for the university, John Agam, quoted the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Yohanna Izam, as condemning the attack on the students by gunmen

The statement read in part, "As custodians of the students, the university feels deeply aggrieved that such incidents inflict traumatic disorders and toxic stress among staff and students, and are also inimical to the progress of academic activities, which just resumed after the COVID-19 pandemic and the recent strike embarked upon by staff members of the university."

The VC noted that the problem of insecurity nationwide had become a cankerworm and a recurring decimal orchestrated by faceless enemies of the society, who seemed bent on undermining the education sector.