

Tears as Plateau varsity student who died during protest is buried

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The remains of a 100-level undergraduate of the Plateau State University, Emmanuel Israel, who died during a protest against insecurity in the institution were buried on Saturday amid tears and tributes in the Mangu Local Government Area of the state.

The burial, which took place in the Mangul community around 12pm, was attended by grieving students, relatives and staff of the university including well-wishers who paid their last respects.

The student was confirmed dead a few hours after he fell off a moving vehicle during the protest on Tuesday, April 13.

He was said to be the class representatives of the Mathematics Department and died from the head injuries he sustained after the fall.

The incident occurred when students of the institution trooped out on Tuesday to protest against the alleged rape of four female students by suspected gunmen who attacked their off campus residence and abducted them.

During the protest, Israel who was on top of one of the cars used during the protest fell. He sustained a head injury and was rushed to the Bokkos Cottage Hospital where he later died.

The university's Dean of Students Affairs, Jacob Nangbes, who led a delegation of other principal staff to Israel's burial on Saturday, described his death as sad.

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Expressing regret over the incident, Nangbes said a repeat of the incident shouldn't be allowed.

Sympathising with the families of the late undergraduate, Nangbes urged the students not to be weighed down by the incident, appealing to them to remain steadfast and always exercise restraints and caution in whatever they do.

The President of the Students Union Government, Ezekiel Lutei, described the late student as a leader who was ready to fight for the rights of others. He said the students would always remember him for the sacrifice he made, praying to God to grant his soul eternal rest.