

# Student's death: NANS accuses FUTA of negligence

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FUTA gate

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The National Association of Nigerian Students has accused the management of the Federal University of Technology, Akure, of negligence in the death of a 500-level student, Akeredolu Ayomide.

According to the apex student body, the late Ayomide slumped in his hostel and was rushed to the institution's health centre, where he died due to lack of basic amenities.

NANS, in a statement by its Vice President, External Affairs, Afeez Akinteye, said, "We are perplexed and disturbed that an ugly scenario of this nature was not happening for the first time and the management of the institution alongside the health care unit is not seeing the need for an end to this disastrous passing on of our students.

"The reason the graveyard is the richest place on earth is because of the countless unfulfilled dreams buried in the ground. Sadly, we have lost a student with great potential to the cold hand of death out of the negligence and incompetence of some individuals.

"To our greatest dismay, having made a thorough and proper close examination, we have come to the realisation that FUTA health care centre, a supposed teaching hospital, is nothing to write home about with poor facilities that cannot save lives or meet immediate and emergencies."

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Speaking further, Akinteye said, "It is also on record that when the deceased was rushed down to the school health centre there was a power outage and students had to use flashlights to enable the oxygen setups and injections. There is no backup power supply at the institution's health care centre that's supposed to run 24 hours, and seven days a week. This is worrisome and only shows the negligence of the institution towards adequate healthcare.

"It is also on record that before the ugly incident that took the life of Clinton, the former Vice President of the union who was in critical condition was rushed down to the school clinic for emergency treatment and all that mattered to the health centre director

was school ID card at a point that the paramount was to save a dying soul; this is an inhumane act at its peak and must be frowned at in its totality.

“It is also displeasing that the health centre no longer gives drugs to students as they don’t have any to give even with NHIS; they’d rather write prescriptions for students to get off campus.”

Meanwhile, FUTA’s Director of Corporate Communication, Mr Adegbenro Adebajo, in a statement, said the deceased was brought to the health centre dead.

He said, “The student was rushed to the Health Centre at about 8:50pm on Thursday, August 24. He was brought in dead. Efforts to resuscitate him through cardiopulmonary resuscitation and oxygen therapy proved abortive.”