

Ex-student stabs Taraba teacher to death

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Tragedy struck on Thursday afternoon in Jalingo the Taraba State capital when a secondary school teacher, Mr Bassey Sardauna of the Government Model School, Jalingo was stabbed to death by his former student.

Confirming the incident, the state Police Public Relations Officer, SP Abdullahi Usman noted that the teacher was attacked by his former student who is still at large in a tricycle following an earlier altercation.

The police spokesman added that the police were on the lookout for the suspect identified as James Williams, with a view to arresting him to face the law.

Condemning the attack, the state

Commissioner for Education, Dr Augustina Godwin, explained that the suspect arrived with a friend and walked through the lined-up students waiting for inspection.

"The deceased asked why he walked through the students instead of passing behind them and while the former student made his way back to follow as the deceased teacher had directed, his friend asked why he should obey and do what the deceased said.

"From there commotion started and the deceased hit one of the two of them with a stick. The former student came to the school because he wanted one of his teachers to sign his Air Force application form, which his father made a call earlier asking for assistance for his son from one of the

teachers.

"When the incident got to the knowledge of the school authority, they quickly called for the local vigilante in the area to keep watch over the school until closing time. The vigilante personnel left the school shortly before closing time. Some teachers decided to go with the deceased to take a tricycle the boys who were hiding attacked and stabbed him, leading to his death."

Governor Agbu Kefas, in a statement released by his Special Adviser on Media and Digital Communication, Mr Emmanuel Bello, directed an investigation into the incident and security surveillance to prevent such attacks in the future.

Hit-and-run drive