

How UNIMAID Prof was hit, killed by own car – Police

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The Borno State Police Command, on Sunday, confirmed the death of a former Head of Business Management at the University of Maiduguri, Professor Ruth Wazis.

PUNCH Metro gathered that Wazis died while opening the gate to her residence at Judari Polo Maiduguri on Tuesday.

Confirming the death in a press statement on Tuesday, the Public Relations Officer of the university, Nahum Kenneth, disclosed that the former university lecturer was killed by her vehicle following her attempt to open the gate on getting to her house.

Kenneth noted that an investigation conducted showed that the area where the house is located is not a flat surface, adding that the car rammed into the deceased.

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According to him, the incident occurred on June 30, 2024, blaming the slope and mechanical fault for the casualty.

Kenneth said, "Incidents and accidents are bound to happen, both technical and human failure may contribute.

"The sad, tragic garage incident happened on June 30, 2024, in the late evening at the Judari Polo Area Maiduguri where the late Professor Ruth Wazis (former Head of the Department of Business Management, University of Maiduguri) alighted from her vehicle and attempted to open her residential gate to park her car in her garage."

Explaining further what led to her demise, the statement added, “But, unfortunately, a high slope and sudden mechanical malfunction caused the vehicle to accelerate unexpectedly, knocking her to the gate and on the ground, stepping on her chest, and she, unfortunately, succumbed with severe injuries before taken to the hospital at the University of Maiduguri Teaching Hospital where she was confirmed dead by a doctor.”