

# Lagos varsity student dies after

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**T**RAGEDY struck the students of Lagos State University of Science and Technology on Saturday when a newly admitted colleague, Emmanuel Nweke, fell from a two-storey building in the Ikorodu area of the state.

PUNCH Metro learnt that the incident occurred around 4:00 pm on the balcony of Nweke's apartment at the Lasunwon First Gate, a predominantly student-populated area.

Grieving colleagues told PUNCH Metro on Monday that the 100-level mathematics student had stepped onto the first-floor balcony corridor to get some fresh air following a prolonged power outage.

Upon reaching the corridor, Nweke reportedly leaned on the balcony railing, lost balance, and fell from the distressed building, hitting his head on the ground.

Sources in the community told PUNCH Metro that the deceased, who hailed from Anambra State, passed away before his colleagues could rush him to the nearby general



•The building

hospital for treatment.

While the entire building was shut down to prevent further incidents, our correspondent learnt that the landlord was immediately taken into custody by operatives of the Ikorodu Police Division on Sagamu Road, opposite Wema Bank, Ikorodu.

Speaking with PUNCH Metro

in a telephone conversation on Monday, a student of the school and vice chairman of the Lagos State Chapter of the National Association of Nigerian Students Joint Campus Committee, Sadiq Adams Kiakia, accused the school of negligence for failing to provide accommodation, blaming the lack of housing and stable power supply for the

death of the 100-level student.

Kiakia said, "Power supply in the area has been a major issue since the beginning of the year, with barely two hours of electricity available daily. The building is already deteriorating, and he tragically passed away before we could get him to the hospital.

"We urgently need proper

John Charles, Makurdi

**T**HE Benue State Police Command has confirmed the death of two people during a fight between rival cult groups in the Wadata area of Makurdi, Benue State capital, on Sunday.

The battle between the rival cult groups was said to have broken out around the riverside in Wadata where they had gone to hold a meeting.

According to the state police spokesperson,

Catherine Anene, "Due to the police fight against cultism in the state, some cultists have travelled to the riverside to hold a meeting.

"On getting there, they saw a rival cult group and this resulted in a clash in which two people lost their lives," she said.

Anene said five suspects had been arrested and promised to provide details of the incident later.

Earlier, our correspondent people were killed and many gunshots and axe injuries.

An eyewitness told our Monday that trouble started groups belonging to the Red in the area engaged in a bat which resulted in the death of

## Two killed, others injured as ri

## falling from hostel building

accommodation within the school. If there was on-campus housing, Nweke wouldn't have been staying in that building. Over 20 students lived there, and he (Nweke) had just paid his rent about two weeks ago.

We need the school authorities to take immediate action."

In an earlier statement, the Chairman of NANS JCC Lagos State, Comrade Abdul-Raheem Abdul-Quadri, and the Public Relations Officer, Comrade

Ridwan Ajayi, criticised the school management and the state government for their negligence.

The union demanded justice for the deceased and condemned the school's poor maintenance

and lack of oversight in student accommodations, calling the incident a clear example of the ongoing crisis of inadequate and unsafe student housing around LASUSTECH and other tertiary institutions in Lagos State.

## Four declared wanted over foiled drug shipments to Saudi Arabia, Qatar

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**T**HE National Drug Law Enforcement Agency has declared four individuals wanted for their alleged roles in a drug trafficking syndicate linked to Lagos drug kingpin, Alhaji Suleiman Ganiyu, also known as Barryshine.

Barryshine was arrested on August 26, 2024, two years after coming under the radar of the anti-narcotics agency.

A statement by the agency's spokesman, Femi Babafemi, on Monday said the suspects who



• The wanted persons

role in four foiled attempts to export cocaine to Saudi Arabia and Qatar through the Murtala Muhammed International Airport, Ikeja, Lagos, between 2022 and 2024.

multiple criminal charges.

He further named four additional suspects now declared wanted: Olarenwaju Abdulai (a.k.a. Alhaji Lovinbo), Oluwafemi Abidove

wanted following a court order by Justice Akintayo Aluko of the Federal High Court in Lagos," Babafemi added.

He said the judge also ordered that a public notice