30-yr-old undergraduate commits suicide in Bauchi

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A 300 Level student of the Department of Technology and Education, Wood Work Section of the Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi, in the early hours of yesterday, committed suicide by hanging himself on a tree.

Saturday Vanguard gathered that the incident occurred at the Gubi campus of the institution along Kano Road. The deceased whose identity was given as Dahiru Adamu, 30, left his shoes and notebooks on the ground before taking his life by hanging himself on the tree.

An eye witness and a student of the institution who pleaded anonymity said students of the institution in the wee hours of the morning discovered the lifeless body of the deceased hanging on a tree. He said that the student was hung on the tree for over two hours.

"I got to school this morning only to discover a student hanging on one of the trees in the school. As I speak with you now, his body is still hanging on the tree, and I also saw the Vice Chancellor and some management staff at the scene with an ambulance parked by the side. I believe they were waiting for the police to come."

"The deceased left his shoes and books under the tree and then hung himself. I could see them (books and his shoes) as I speak with you now. I don't know the full identity of the deceased but I learnt his name is Dahiru, a 300-Level student of Wood Work Section in the Department of Technology Education. He was supposed to have been on IT (Industrial Training), but he missed going." The Police Public Relations Officer, Bauchi State Command, DSP Kamal Datti, confirmed the incidence to Saturday Vanguard, saying that the Chief Security Officer of the university informed the police of the incident. "Our men immediately swung into action and removed the body and deposited it at the mortuary of Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University Teaching Hospital (ATBUTH), Bauchi."

He said that the actual cause of the death had not yet been ascertained but pointed out that full investigations were ongoing.