

# Tuition increase: Protesting student shot dead in Kaduna

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A student of the College of Education, Gidan Waya, Kafanchan in Kaduna State was, yesterday, allegedly shot dead by security operatives during a peaceful protest against the increase in tuition fee by the state government.

It was gathered that the peaceful protest turned violent as one student was killed and another injured allegedly by security operatives.

According to a source, "the security operatives fired shots to disperse the protesting students following a confrontation after they tried to force their way into the school. The students reportedly prevented the free flow of traffic as they blocked the highway in front of their school.

Confirming the death, Provost of the college, Prof. Alexander Kure, said the incident took place on the highway and not inside the school.

According to him, "I was told by the security that one student was killed and another injured. I offered an ambulance to take the corpse to the mortuary, and the other person that got injured to the hospital."

Kure said he was not aware of the reason for the students' protest and announced that the school was shut on Sunday for the mid-semester break.

"The school was shut down, Sunday for mid-semester break and students are to resume next Monday. I don't know why they were protesting. The school was closed and we heard there was a protest on the road, and I am not privy to happenings outside the school," he said.

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