

Kogi teacher dies after alleged assault by pupil's father

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A 22-year-old teacher at Brains Minds Nursery and Primary School, Ugbamaka-Igah in Olamaboro Local Government Area of Kogi State, Maryam Usman, has died after she was allegedly assaulted by the father of one of her pupils for disciplining his son.

The incident began on June 17 after Maryam reportedly disciplined the pupil for misconduct in school. During the process, the child allegedly fell and injured his arm.

Following the incident, the pupil's father, identified as Ishaq Abdullahi, allegedly led two other persons to Maryam's residence, where they assaulted her the same day.

She was reportedly attacked again later while on her way to the mosque.

According to the deceased's brother, who spoke on condition of anonymity, Maryam was assaulted again on June 18 by more individuals, leaving her with serious injuries and unconscious.

"She was first taken to a clinic and later referred to a hospital in Okpo, but her condition continued to deteriorate. She died on June 25, 2026, at about 5am," he said.

He called on the Nigeria Police Force and other relevant authorities to conduct a thorough investigation and ensure that those responsible were brought to justice.

A community elder, Drisu,



■ Late Maryam Usman

told Daily Trust that the deceased and the pupil's family are related by blood. He said both families had held several meetings to resolve the matter.

He added that following Maryam's death, some members of her family allegedly attacked and vandalised the house of the pupil's father.

The Kogi State Police Command confirmed the incident and said an investigation had commenced.

The command's spokesperson, ASP Saliu Oyiza Afusat, said preliminary findings showed

that on June 18, 2026, Abdullahi Ishaka, accompanied by two women, went to Brains Minds Nursery and Primary School, Ugbamaka, where they allegedly assaulted Maryam Usman for disciplining a pupil.

She said the victim sustained serious injuries and was initially treated at a hospital in Ugbamaka before she was referred to Iko-Ojo Hospital in Okpo for further treatment.

"She, however, passed away on June 25, 2026," the police spokesperson said.

Afusat said police operatives

visited the scene and the deceased's residence, where necessary documentation was carried out.

She added that arrangements were being made to move the body to the General Hospital, Ankpa, for medical examination

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and autopsy.

"The suspects fled before the arrival of the police, and efforts are ongoing to apprehend them.

"Upon their arrest, the case will be transferred to the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID) for discreet and comprehensive investigation," Afusat added.

Pupil fell from cashew tree, not punished by teacher, resident alleges

A resident of the community, who identified himself simply as Adem, has alleged that the pupil whose parents allegedly assaulted

a teacher did not sustain the injury from punishment but after falling from a cashew tree in the school compound.

He said the pupil and some classmates were harvesting cashew fruits when they spotted a teacher approaching and hurriedly jumped down from the trees. In the process, the pupil allegedly fell and broke his hand.

Ademu claimed that when his father asked how he sustained the injury, the boy falsely alleged that his teacher, Maryam, beat him for misconduct and broke his hand.

"Instead of investigating the matter, the father, accompanied by two others, attacked the teacher," he said.

He further alleged that the following day, the pupil's mother, who was at Oba Market when the incident occurred, mobilised some youths who also assaulted the teacher.

"She kept insisting that she knew nothing about the boy's injury, but they ignored her. After the attack, she started vomiting blood and passing blood in her urine," he said.

Ademu also said the deceased had returned to her village after a marital dispute and took up a teaching job while trying to rebuild her life.

A former vice chairman of the local government, Mrs Aisha Blessing Ekele, called for a thorough investigation, urging security agencies and the state government to identify and prosecute those responsible.