

Nurses condemn killing of Abuja colleague, demand justice

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The deceased. Photo: X/@mobolajifaniran

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The National Association of Nigerian Nurses and Midwives has condemned the killing of one of its members, Chinemerem Chuwumeziem with the Federal Medical Centre, Abuja, describing her death as an attack on the nursing profession and healthcare workers across the country.

The association said the incident, which it described as “wicked and senseless,” has heightened concerns about the safety of nurses, particularly while commuting to and from work.

Although PUNCH Metro could not independently verify the circumstances surrounding the incident as of the time of filing this report, NANNM called on security agencies to intervene and ensure justice is served.

In a statement signed on Tuesday by the Chairman of the NANNM FCT Council, Jama Medan, the association said the deceased, Nurse Chinemerem Pascalina Chuwumeziem, was in active service at FMC Abuja before her alleged brutal murder.

“I write on behalf of the National Association of Nigerian Nurses and Midwives, FCT Council, to express our deep sorrow, outrage, and total condemnation of the unjust and brutal killing of our innocent young colleague, Nurse Chinemerem Pascalina Chuwumeziem, who was in active service with the Federal Medical Centre, Abuja,” the statement read.

According to the association, the nurse had closed from her afternoon duty on January 3, 2026, and boarded a vehicle on her way home, but never arrived alive.

“Having spent her day rendering selfless service to humanity and saving lives, she closed from afternoon duty and boarded a vehicle on her way home. Tragically, she never made it home alive,” the statement said.

It added that her lifeless body was later discovered “dumped in a most inhumane and heartbreaking manner”, stressing that the act was not only an assault on the nursing profession but also on humanity.

The association called on security agencies in the Federal Capital Territory, including the Nigeria Police Force, the Department of State Services, and the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps, to carry out a thorough and transparent investigation.

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“We hereby call on the entire security architecture in the FCT to immediately conduct a professional investigation into the circumstances surrounding her death and ensure that the perpetrators are identified and brought to justice without delay,” it stated.

The nurses further lamented what it described as the growing harassment and attacks on nurses, noting that healthcare workers now face grave insecurity while commuting, especially during early morning and late-night shifts.

“Our lives are no longer safe. Nurses leave their homes daily to save lives, yet many are uncertain of returning alive to their families,” the association said.

It urged the Minister of the Federal Capital Territory to strengthen security around hospitals and major junctions where healthcare workers board vehicles and to consider providing organised transportation for nurses where feasible.

The association also extended condolences to the family of the deceased, the management of FMC Jabi, Abuja, and nurses across the country, describing the loss as painful and irreparable.

“We demand justice for our fallen colleague and urgent government intervention to guarantee the safety and security of all nurses and healthcare workers in the Federal Capital Territory. Anything short of decisive action will further expose nurses to danger and erode public confidence in the nation’s security system,” the statement added.

Efforts to get a response from the spokesperson of the FCT Police Command, Josephine Adeh, were unsuccessful, as she did not respond to calls and messages sent to her by PUNCH Metro as of the time of filing this report.

While the circumstances surrounding the killing remain unclear, the incident has further amplified growing concerns over insecurity in the country.

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