

Kano woman who delivered quintuplets dies

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The quintuplets delivered by Hafsatu Yusuf receiving medical care at Murtala Muhammad Specialist Hospital, Kano. Photo: Hussaini Ibrahim

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A Kano woman, Hafsatu Yusuf, who recently gave birth to quintuplets at Murtala Muhammad Specialist Hospital, has died.

Confirming the development in a telephone interview with PUNCH Online on Thursday, the Public Relations Officer of the Kano State Ministry of Health, Nabilusi Abubakar K/Na'isa, said the woman died around 2am at the hospital.

He disclosed that the woman experienced persistent bleeding after delivering the five babies — three boys and two girls — and efforts by medical personnel to stabilise her were unsuccessful.

“She had been bleeding since after delivery, and all efforts by doctors to control the situation were unsuccessful,” he said.

K/Na'isa added that the deceased had since been buried in accordance with Islamic rites at her residence in Hotoro.

“We are appealing to the public to support the babies with milk and other essential items,” he said.

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He, however, confirmed that the newborns are in stable condition and are currently receiving medical attention at the hospital.

PUNCH Online reports that the incident comes barely a day after the Kano State Government announced that it had taken responsibility for the medical care of the mother and her babies following the delivery at the facility.

In an earlier statement, the ministry disclosed that the quintuplets were delivered successfully and that both the mother and the newborns were placed under special care by medical personnel.

The husband of the deceased, Malam Salisu Nufi'u, had expressed appreciation to the state government for the intervention, describing it as timely support.

The government also reiterated its commitment to improving maternal and child healthcare services and reducing mortality rates across the state.