

Mother of drowned girl to sue Transcorp Hilton Hotel

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The mother of Maryam Abubakar Mustapha, the nine year-old girl, who drowned at the Transcorps Hilton Hotel swimming pool, has threatened to take legal action against the management of the hotel.

Speaking to journalists yesterday in Abuja, mother of the deceased, Zainab Abubakar Danmusa said that the family had already sent a notice to the management of the hotel intimating them of the development.

“Our lawyers contacted the management since last month in writing, but up until now we have not received any reply from them”, she said.

She added that the hotel management has refused to speak to the family even on

phone, stating that a family member had earlier advised them against dragging the hotel to court and that he will speak to the hotel's management.

Uncle to the deceased, Awwal Abubakar said that since the death of Maryam, the family has been grappling with the tragedy, adding that the family will not let the hotel go scot-free as Maryam's death was an act of negligence.

Meanwhile, the management of Transcorp Hilton in a reaction stated that the matter is being handled legally by the hotel's management.

Director of operations, Stephane Compagnon told journalists in his office that

he could not comment on the matter since it is now being handled by the hotel's legal department.

He however said that it was not true that the management of the hotel had not done anything about the unfortunate death, as the general manager of the hotel visited the family after the incident.

Maryam Abubakar Mustapha drowned at the Transcorps Hilton Hotel swimming pool two months ago, and her parents allegedly blamed her death on the negligence of staff of the hotel.

Before her death, she was a primary four student of Funtaj International School, Abuja and would have been 10 years on September 16.