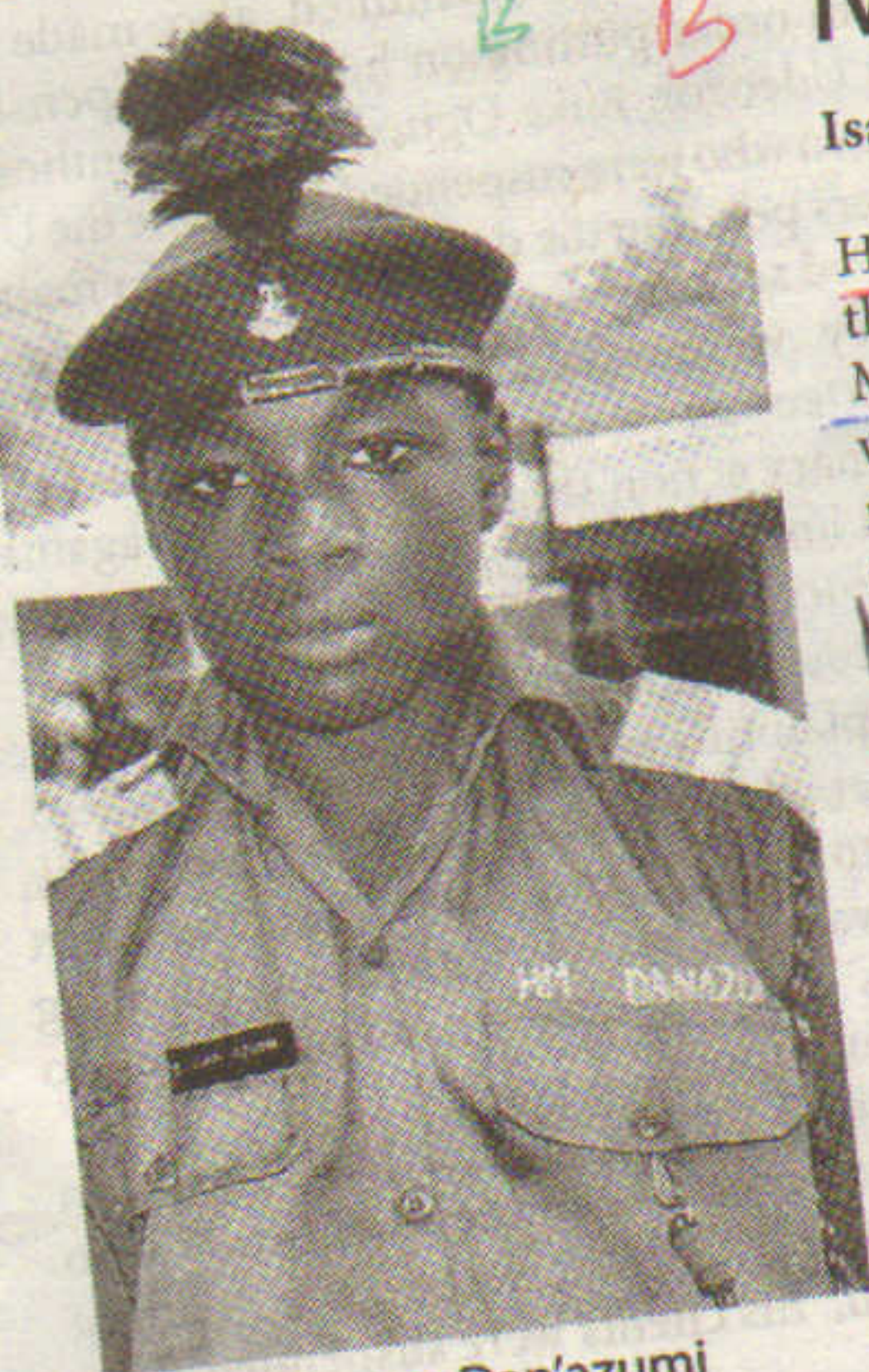


stomach during her fight.  
"We were no longer together because of the scuffle we had and



■ Late Hamza Dan'azumi

Isa Sa'idu, Zaria

HAMZA Mohammed Dan'azumi, the late student of Nigerian Military School (NMS), Zaria, who passed on in a mysterious manner at the school in March this year, died of "asphyxia and choking," according to a post-mortem report.

Encarta English dictionary defines asphyxia as "suffocation as a

result of physical blockage of the airway or inhalation of toxic gases, causing lack of oxygen and unconsciousness."

The dictionary also defines choking as "to prevent somebody from breathing by blocking or

squeezing the throat."

The result of the post-mortem conducted by doctors of the Ahmadu Bello University Teaching Hospital (ABUTH), Shika, Zaria, was signed by Dr. M. S. Shehu, Professor/Consultant Pathologist, head, Department of Pathology of the hospital and made available to Weekly Trust yesterday.

Speaking to Weekly Trust's correspondent in Zaria yesterday, the father of the deceased, Mohammed Ali Dan'azumi, said the post-mortem result has vindicated his suspicion that his son was killed.

"The human rights commission in Kaduna has been waiting for the result. I would give them a

way. The baby was crying and I gave her to her elder brother. He was the one that took her to their

transfer the case to the Investigation Department (CID) for further action.

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copy and give my lawyer a copy for court action. We collected the result at the ABUTH today (yesterday) in company of the police IPO in charge of the case and representatives of the NMS led by one Captain A.O. Adeleke.

"I must go to court because my son was killed mercilessly by somebody who supposed to be a guardian. I will pursue this case to its logical conclusion and I know Allah would assist me because I am fighting for my right and the right of my late son," Dan'azumi said.

The Chief Medical Director (CMD) of the ABUTH, Professor Lawal Khalid, said the delay in releasing the result was caused by the fact that some samples had to

be taken to Lagos, as the hospital doesn't have the facility to conduct that aspect of the test.

It would be recalled that the remains of Hamza were found at a river bank close to the Zaria water works after the NMS's management had told the deceased's father that his son would remain in guardroom until the day for Easter break.

Dan'azumi, who blamed one Lt. Udoh, an Army female officer at NMS, for the death of his son, also alleged that the officer sent his son to the guardroom as punishment for his inability to present her with a "gift" during one of the school's visiting days.