

hawking. While her peers went to school in the mornings, she made her way to places where she could find customers for the food she carried. Eventually, her patience ran out and she decided to leave

On her second run-away journey, Khadija stopped at a checkpoint at Yarkasuwa, near Tudun wulli, a town in Bichi local government and voluntarily explained her predicament to the police on duty: That she wanted

The father, Ibrahim Musa, who did not give reasons why he did not initially enroll his daughter in school, was said to have reported to Hisbah that he has finally registered Khadija in a school.

■ 'I get jealous when I see my mates going to school,' says Khadija Ibrahim

Father of young man shot by cop in Kaduna governor's convoy speaks...

'I haven't slept, eaten well since policeman killed my son'



■ Alhaji Umar Getso

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Alhaji Umar Getso is the father of Faisal, a young man who was killed in Bakin Ruwa area of Kaduna State by a policeman when Governor Ramalan Yero's convoy was allegedly pelted by some youth. He spoke to **Weekly Trust**. Excerpts:

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WEEKLY Trust: How did the news of your son's death reach you?

Alhaji Umaru Getso: I had just returned from Kano and was told that there was a shooting along Nnamdi Azikwe Expressway by Bakin Ruwa and my son was affected. We rushed him to a hospital as he was bleeding profusely. Hospital attendants said they couldn't do anything, so we went to St. Gerard's in Kakuri, where we were told to get police report and we tried but they refused, claiming the DPO was not around. We returned him to St. Gerard's, where he bled to death unattended right before my eyes.

WT: Was he among those who were alleged to have pelted Governor Yero's convoy with stones?

Getso: He didn't stone anyone. He was hit by stray bullet on a busy

road. But I was informed that there was a gathering and the governor was in attendance and his people began removing posters of the opposition party so people and people started shouting "We don't want" and that's how the trouble started.

People began booing them for removing Buhari's posters and the security personnel began to shoot. I know their duty is to protect the governor, but not to shoot innocent people. Now I have lost a son in that incident and I'm devastated.

WT: What was your son into before he was killed?

Getso: He just finished his National Diploma in Business Administration from Federal Polytechnic Kaura Namoda in Zamfara State, waiting to commence his Higher National Diploma.

WT: Has any government official contacted you since the shooting?

Getso: I haven't been contacted by anyone. All I heard was on the

radio where they claimed that it he was shot because people were throwing stones at the governor's convoy that they had to open fire. But my son wasn't part of that.

WT: What was your son doing in the area when the incident happened?

Getso: He was in a tricycle with a friend when the bullet hit him. The police should've arrested the stone throwers, rather than shoot indiscriminately.

I miss my son every day. I feel my world has gone and I've not been able to eat or sleep well since then. He was such an obedient child who loved to study.

WT: Have you complained to the authorities or attempted to seek for justice?

Getso: No-one will listen. They will only tell you to exercise patience. This has to do with the highest authority in the state and no-one can do anything about it.