

involved in the act

Man, 38, dies after NSCDC beating

From Abubakar Auwal, Sokoto

The mother of a 38-year old local government worker, Jamilu Abdullahi, allegedly tortured to death by officials of the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) in Sokoto State, has appealed to relevant authorities to ensure that justice is done over the killing.

Abdullahi, a graduate of the College of Agriculture, Bakura in Zamfara State and employee of the Tureta LGA of Sokoto State, was said to have been detained and tortured at the Sokoto South divisional headquarters of the NSCDC command, before being taken to the Usmanu Danfodiyo Teaching hospital where he died.

His mother, Hajiya Binta Abdullahi, said Jamilu was before his death the breadwinner of the family as her husband, a retired soldier, died long ago, leaving behind eight children.

She alleged that her son died as a result of the injuries sustained from the torture as according to her, he was healthy before being taken into custody.

"There was a misunderstanding between him and one woman in our neighbourhood and she reported the matter to the Sokoto South divisional headquarters of the NSCDC whose men came around 6:30pm and arrested him," she said.

She added: "We visited the headquarters several times, seeking his release, instead, they tortured him to a state of comma after which they took him to the Sokoto Specialist Hospital for medical attention because of the injuries they inflicted on him and were later referred to the Usmanu Danfodiyo Teaching Hospital, where he died on Friday, May, 29".

"They brought his corpse to us but we rejected it because there was no certification concerning his death from the hospital. We therefore, insisted on knowing the cause of his death, especially when signs of torture were noticed all over his body", she added.

Confirming the incident, the state Commandant of the NSCDC, Alhaji Muhammad Musa, said they were investigating the matter, and assured that justice would take its course as they would not spare the culprits.