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POLICE ARREST HOTEL DIRECTOR, OTHERS OVER CLIENT'S DEATH



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The director, manager and four other workers of a hotel in Sokoto have been arrested by the police over the death of their guest after a fight.

The guest, identified as Inspector Nura Hashim of the Abia State Police Command, the son of a former police commissioner, late Alhaji Hashim Yauri, had stayed in the hotel for five days before his death last Saturday. Daily Trust learnt that Hashim was allegedly beaten by staff of the hotel for slapping one of the directors who cautioned him on his attitude towards their female staff.

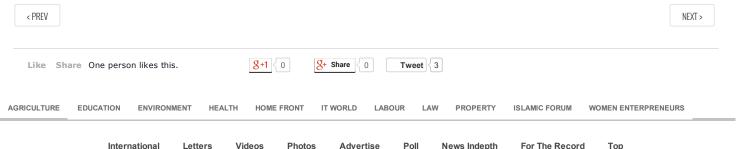
They alleged that he was harassing their female staff who stopped serving him in his room.

"When the director met him and warned that he should either abide by the rules of the hotel or look elsewhere, he packed his belongings and left the hotel before resurfacing later, threatening to deal with the director. He slapped him and some of the staff at the scene started beating him and he collapsed and was confirmed dead after being taken to hospital," a source said under anonymity.

It was gathered that six of the staff, including the director and manager are under police custody while the remains of the deceased have been deposited in the morgue. Spokesman of the state police command, DSP Almustapha Sani, while confirming the incident, said the deceased was before his death, serving in Abia State and had been in the hotel for five days.

"Our patrol team at Tamaje area was called around 2pm today (yesterday) that there was a problem at the Pinnacle Hotel and when they reached there they found Nura on the floor unconscious. They took him to the Specialist's Hospital where he was confirmed dead," he said.

Sani added that six people had been arrested so far and they had commenced investigation into the incident.



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