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Family of boy who died in DSS custody seeks justice

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The family of a 25-year-old boy, Aliyu Bukhari, who allegedly died in the custody of the Department of State Security in Sokoto have called for a thorough investigation to ascertain the cause of his death.

It was gathered that Bukhari was arrested by the operatives at his shop over the abduction of a four-year-old boy, Umar Bashir, on whom N150,000 ransom was paid.

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The GSM line used in negotiating the ransom was said to have been traced to the deceased.

Addressing journalists yesterday, the spokesman of the family, Bashar Isa, said: “On the 28th of November, some of us went to the DSS to know why he was arrested and to see him but our demands were not granted until on 30th when one Chika Abubakar was allowed to see him and told us he met him in a terrible condition.

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He said – a DSS operative came to the family house, inviting them. “On reaching there, we were told that Bukhari is dead but they did not tell us what led to his death.

“ We are appealing to Governor Aminu Waziri Tambuwal, the Sultan of Sokoto, the DG, DSS and the Attorney General of the Federation as well as human right organizations to investigate the matter and bring those involve in the killing of our brother to justice,” he said.

When contacted the state director of the DSS, Ibrahim Bello, said a press conference would be addressed on the issue in due course.

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