

# One of Kogi quintuplets dies

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One of the quintuplets delivered at the Federal Medical Centre, Lokoja on April 17 is dead, the hospital management has said.

This is as Dr Taiwo Jones, Head Clinical Services of the centre, seeks to relocate the family from their present abode to a more conducive part of the state capital.

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Jones told the News Agency of Nigeria yesterday in Lokoja that the baby, who had been in incubator, died in the early hours of Monday, April 22.

The baby, a male was the first to be delivered through Caesarean Section and weighed 1.3 kg at birth, a development which made the the hospital to put him in an incubator.

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The quintuplets, three boys and two girls, were delivered by Mrs Uchenna Okeigbo, 42, an indigene of Olokoru Amangbo Community, Umuahia South Local Government Area of Abia.

Mrs Okeigbo had waited for 18 years after marriage before giving birth to the quintuplets.

Jones said the hospital did all it could to ensure that the baby stayed alive, but all to no avail.

“At delivery, four out of the five babies were found to be fit and okay, but the fifth baby that weighed 1.3kg was unstable and unfit because of infections. As such, he was isolated and kept in incubator.

“The baby was initially presumed sepsis based on elevated C-reactive protein.

“Unfortunately, the condition of the baby deteriorated and we eventually lost the baby on Monday at about 5 a.m.

“The other four babies are in stable conditions. We will ensure that all the remaining four babies and their mother are fit and stable before they are discharged,” Jones said.

The doctor, however, said that the management of the hospital was considering the possibility of relocating the couple to Lokoja city centre.

“Where the couple are staying at Obajana is full of dust, which may hampered the respiratory system of the babies, which we think may not be too good for them.

“We have suggested it to the wife of the governor, Mrs Rashidat Bello, who visited them on Monday; if it is possible for the government to assist them. Relocating to Lokoja, where it is safer for them to access the hospital for proper monitoring, after they had been discharged,” he said.

Meanwhile, Kogi State governor’s wife, Rashidat Bello, on Monday donated N300,000 baby wears and other items to the babies and their mother.

Also, Okeigbo told NAN at the hospital on Tuesday that another wife of the governor, Mrs Amina Bello, also sent N200,000 to her and the babies.

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