

ASOCHRONICLES

Regional news from FCT
AND NASARAWA STATE

1 dies, 10 slump as aid group celebrates Maulud in Abuja

By Adam Umar

A female member of the aid group of the Young Muslim Congress of Nigeria (YMCN) also known as Munazzamatul Fityanul Islam slumped and died, while 10 others also slumped but were revived yesterday as the group held a procession in celebration

of the Eid el-Maulud in Abuja.

Thousands of Muslim faithful comprising students of Islamiyah schools, members of the first aid group and others from various parts of the FCT matched through some Abuja streets for the celebration.

At the event, President Muhammadu Buhari was represented by the

FCT Minister, Malam Muhammadu Musa Bello.

Speaking on the incident, a female discipline officer of the group in charge of Kuje Area Council, Malama Sajida Bala Abdullahi, said the deceased identified as Asma'u (20) came for the event from Kuje.

Malama Asma'u said, "We started the procession from Mabushi in the morning and headed to the event's venue in

company of other members of our first aid group and others.

"It was when I got to the venue that I learnt that Asma'u slumped along the way and was confirmed dead."

It was further learnt that aside Asma'u, 10 other members of the aid group slumped during the procession.

Our reporter saw ambulances taking the

victims to the hospital.

The organising committee Chairman of the procession, Dr Adamu Muhammadu Inuwa, told Daily Trust that the event originally scheduled to end at 2pm ended earlier because of the incidents.

Malam Muhammad Abani, treasurer of Jama'atu Ahbabul Rasul, Abuja branch, attributed the incidents to logistics hitches.

Malam Abani said, "The procession started around 7am when some of the participants did not have their breakfast and many of them were kept standing in the sun waiting for their turns to proceed to the venue."

UATH consultants hold conference

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

The University of Abuja Teaching Hospital (UATH), Gwagwalada, chapter of the Medical And Dental Consultants Association of Nigeria (MDCAN) has organised a one-day scientific conference with the theme: "Health Challenges in the Face of Insecurity in Nigeria: Rising Beyond the Tide".

Speaking at the event, the Chief Medical Director (CMD) of UATH, Prof Bissalla Ekele, stressed the need for staff of the hospital to always work in harmony with one another, calling on the consultants to give priority to mentoring with a view to enhancing efficiency in the hospital.

The UATH Chairman of MDCAN, Dr Sani Ali Samuel, said the essence of the conference was to brainstorm on the significance of improving healthcare service delivery.



■ Members of female wing of the Young Muslim Congress of Nigeria, rushing a member to the ambulance after she slumped Maulud celebration in Abuja yesterday

EID-EL-Maulud: FCT Minister felicitates with residents

By Hussein Yahaya

The Minister of the Federal Capital Territory, Malam Muhammad Musa Bello, has felicitated with Muslims in the FCT on the occasion of the Eid-el-Maulud celebrations, urging them to adhere to the cardinal principle of peace upon which the religion of Islam is built.

In his Eid-el-Maulud message to the residents, the minister enjoined Muslim faithful and other residents of the FCT to join Nigerians from across the country to reflect deeply on the role they can play individually and collectively to build a nation of which they can be proud.

As the nation inches closer to increased political activities, the Minister said "we must recognize that the resort to violence or promotion of anarchy has never, and will never resolve our social or