

Female Air Force officer dies of snakebite

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An officer of the Nigerian Air Force, Ogah Bercy, a Lance Corporal, died Friday after she was bitten by a snake in her apartment at NAF Base, Bill Clinton Drive, Abuja.

Bercy was attached to Intelligence Operations at Defence Intelligence Agency.

A source said the airwoman, with NAF14/28952F, was in her toilet when the snake bit her.

"Late Lance Corporal Bercy, after the snake bite, took her child and her cousin sister to her neighbour before she drove to 063 NAF Hospital for treatment," another source said.

The source added: "On the 9th of November 2021, the late airwoman's block was fumigated, but because she was not around, her room was not fumigated.

"Since the fumigation was done recently, the snake must have entered the chamber and was looking for an escape route and saw the Late Lance Corporal Ogah's house as the safest place because it was not fumigated."

The officer called on the NAF authorities to fumigate all offices and living quarters in the base as well as encourage lectures on safety techniques on managing snakebites.

Contacted, NAF spokesman, Edward Gabkwet, neither answered our correspondent's phone calls nor replied a text message sent to him for a reaction.