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# Organ harvesting: Jos victim of alleged kidney theft is dead

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**A**lhaji Ibrahim Ejibade, a resident of William Street in Jos North local government area of Plateau State, who accused Mr Norah Kekere of Murna Clinic and Maternity, Jos, of kidney theft, has died.

According to the deceased's family, the late Ejibade was said to have battled with unstable health status ever since he underwent surgery for hernia in 2021, performed by Mr Kekere.

Last September, the late Ejibade accused Mr Kekere of removing his right kidney and he was subsequently

arrested following a report lodged at the Nasarawa Gown Police Division regarding the removal of Mrs Kehinde Kamal's right kidney during an operation in 2018.

Mr Kekere was later sued at the state high court by the Plateau State Ministry of Justice on behalf of Ejibade and Kehinde Kamal, who also accused same doctor of organ harvesting.

Confirming the death, Ejibade's son, Muhammad Sani, said their father passed on on Wednesday evening and had since been buried according to Islamic rites.

"Baba's illness continued unabated since his surgery at Murna Clinic.

You know, we discovered that his left kidney was removed when we went to Jos University Teaching Hospital for scanning following the surgery by Mr Kekere, and the matter is still pending in court," Sani said.

He added that even on the last adjourned date of the court proceedings, Ejibade managed to appear despite his worsening health condition.

Our correspondent reported that Mr Noah Kekere and his two alleged accomplices, Dr Philip Dachung and a staff of Murna Clinic, Yusuf Abdullahi, are standing trial and have since been granted bail.