

## Pregnant woman dies after husband's inability to pay N25,000 for CS

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**A** PREGNANT mother at the weekend died along with her baby owing to her husband's inability to remit the sum of N25,000, charged to carry out Caesarian Section (CS) at the Abdullahi Wase Specialist Hospital in Kano State.

The expectant mother, (name withheld) suffered excruciating labour for about two hours before she died

with her unborn baby after medical workers on duty allegedly neglected her, insisting on pay-before-service at the government-owned medical facility.

Following the development, a human rights activist, Audu Bulama Bukarti, has threatened to sue the medical workers, who failed to treat the deceased for criminal offenses, including withdrawal of practising li-

cence.

According to an eyewitness, the woman was brought to the hospital on Saturday morning after a referral from a primary health centre in the city by the husband, who pleaded with the medical doctors to attend to her wife, while he goes to fetch for the money. "The health workers remained adamant until the woman stopped breathing."

Meanwhile, husband of the

deceased has reportedly abandoned his late wife at the hospital. Findings by *The Guardian* indicated that the husband, who failed to attend her funeral conducted on Sunday, was nowhere to be found as at press time.

Efforts to confirm the allegation of gross negligence

levelled against the medical personnel on duty were not successful, as the state Commissioner for Health, Dr. Kabiru Ibrahim Getso, did not respond to several calls made to his phone, just as the executive secretary of the state hospital management board, Dr. Aminu Ibrahim, also failed to pick his calls.

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