



# Lagos to probe death of three-year-old boy in hospital

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## Condoles with family

**T**HE Lagos State Ministry of Health, yesterday, pledged to probe the death of a three-year-old boy who died of alleged negligence and misconduct at one of the State Government owned secondary care facilities, the Eti-Osa Maternal and Childcare Centre, Lekki-Ajah.

Commissioner for Health, Prof. Akin Abayomi, in a statement, said the incident, which occurred between Friday, 23 and Saturday, September 24 2022 was rather unfortunate and sad.

He also condoled with the family of the deceased, saying the ministry is investi-

gating the circumstances surrounding the unfortunate incident.

He said: "For the avoidance of doubt, it is pertinent to note that the management of the facility had also officially reported the incident to the Ministry while investigation into the allegation and the circumstances surrounding the unfortunate incident has since commenced at the facility level.

"In the same vein, I have also requested an independent investigation into the incident. Our investigation will include an autopsy, a review of medical records

of the patient and additional documents, enquiries from medical staff who attended to the deceased, and parents of the child.

"Without pre-empting the outcome of the on-going investigation, I would like to state that this is a Coroner's inquest case, which is why an autopsy has been requested to determine the actual cause of death. I therefore sue for calm and assure members of the public of our commitment to conduct a transparent and thorough investigation into the incident and make available the outcome of the investigation."

"Our resolve to halt avoidable deaths of neonates, infants and children is

unshaken. We will continue to vigorously implement policies and strategies geared towards preventing and halting maternal and child mortality in the center of excellence. Once again, I commiserate with the family of the deceased, and request for their full cooperation whenever they are called upon in the course of the investigation."

Recall that *The Guardian* on in its report on Sunday, September 25, 2022 titled: "Family of Three-Year Old Boy who Died in Lagos Hospital Demands Justice", highlighted that the three-year-old child died of negligence and misconduct at Eti-Osa Maternal and Childcare Centre, Lekki-Ajah.