

② Death of pregnant woman: Kano denies alleged negligence

From **Murtala Adewale**, Kano

KANO State government, yesterday, denied allegation of negligence of its health workers, following the death of Shema'u Sami Labaran, a pregnant woman who died during labour.

Besides, the government said no public healthcare facilities in the state flouted the order of the state governor by rejecting old N500 and N1,000 notes.

Bello Ali Baffa, husband of the late Shema'u, had claimed that the mother of three, who died at Muhammad Wase Specialist Hospital, Kano, was left unattended for seven hours.

Baffa alleged that he was compelled to make medical bill payment by transfers, having turned down his old naira notes and refused same through Point of Sales (POS).

He narrated how he was made to wait for several hours to confirm alerts of the payment while his wife was

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Addressing journalists on the development, Kano State commissioner for Health, Dr. Aminu Ibrahim Tsanyawa explained that Shema'u, who was brought to the hospital, complained of PV bleeding and cessation of fetal movement and died of complications.

The commissioner said contrary to the allegation, investigations revealed that the late Shema'u was attended to immediately on arrival without request for any payment.

He added that Shema'u's condition, however, deteriorated having been diagnosed with abruptio placenta with intrauterine fetal death secondary to preeclampsia.

He said: "She was multigravida at 36 weeks gestation, booked elsewhere and presented to the hospital at about 5:00p.m. on February 11, 2023, with a complaint of

bleeding.

PV bleeding and cessation of fetal movement. She was attended to by the doctor on call who gave all the necessary first aid to her, including setting of IV lines, taking of blood samples for grouping and cross matching in preparation for blood transfusion.

"We took a urine sample and did a bedside analysis where he confirmed the presence of protein in the urine. He later did the detailed clinical examinations where she was found to have mild anemia, a BP of 150/90mmhg with tachycardia and marked abdominal pain with absent fetal heart sound."

Dr. Tsanyawa said after a prolonged labour of six hours, Shema'u delivered a fresh stillbirth while at the same time bled profusely.

He added that the doctor on call made necessary efforts to stop the bleeding, including primary postpartum hemorrhage.

"At that point, she (late She-

ma'u) was given all the necessary medications and had the first pint of blood given and the second one started around 1:00a.m. Patient condition was noticed deteriorating. The doctor in charge had to call senior doctors who came to support her resuscitation, unfortunately, the patient gave up and was certified dead at around 3:50a.m.

RCCG walks for

From **Ernest Nzor**, Abuja

THE Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG), the Throne Room, has embarked on a road walk to promote peaceful, free and fair 2023 general elections.

Members of the Church took the walk from Maitama towards the Federal High Court, back to Transcorp Hilton Hotel Abuja, where the church holds its weekly services.

Pastor of the Parish, Tunde