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Man, 32, dies after encounter with Police

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ZAMFARA State police command may have case to answer over the death of one Bashir Mohammed, 32, Gusau last Thursday. The late Mohammed

was said to be resting in his home with his motorcycle parked in front of his house, when the police on patrol arrived around midnight. Residents in the area,

who were attracted by the police presence, said the patrol team asked for the owner of the motorcycle. According to them, when Mohammed came

out, the police asked him to unlock the motorcycle to prove ownership, which he complied. But not satisfied, the sources said, the police men asked him to come to Tudun-wada police station, which the late man resisted. The refusal Mohammed to follow them resulted in severe

Another eyewitness said, "the deceased insisted that he will not go to police station to write any report hence he has no case to answer and his bike will not be taken to the station because it belongs to him and the police officers met him and his bike at his own apartment."

source.

The source also said that the late Mohammed was asthmatic so he felt sick after the beating and was rushed to the hospital for treatment on the instruction of the Divisional Police Officer (DPO), Tudun-wada the next

day. It was also learnt that despite pleas by the residents who came to rescue the deceased, the police officers allegedly forced the deceased to go to the police station and kept him on detention before his eventual death. Effort to speak to Zamfara State Police

Command Public Relations Officer, DSP Lawal Abdullahi, on the matter was unsuccessful as he was away to Abuja for an official

engagement.

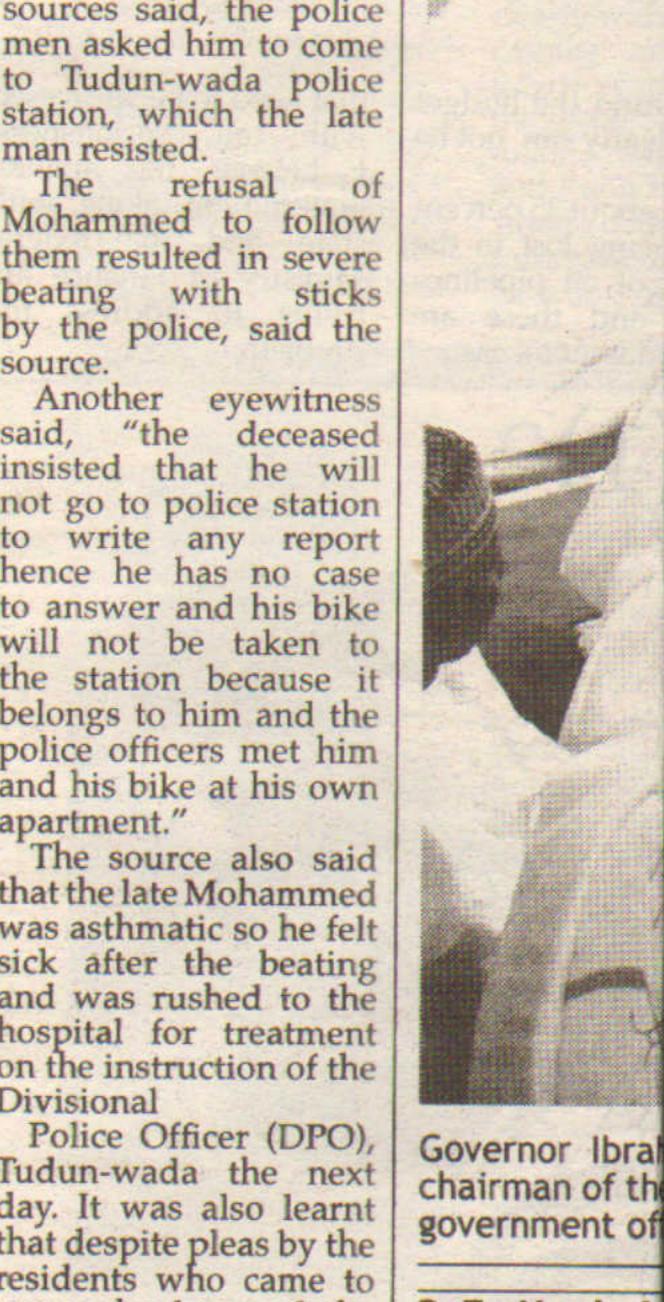
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