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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, in 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 of Mohammed to follow them resulted in severe beating with sticks by the police, said the source.

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."

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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VILLAGERS in District of Barkin Ladi Local Government of Plateau State have taken the state government to court up to August to pay compensation on land Port layout or loss.

The affected are demanding payment of N600,000 of the plots in the against an initial million earlier demand.

Mr. Danladi Barkin Ladi Area of Ministry of Lands Survey, disclosed.



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BENUE State government has awarded a million contract supply of bicycles to help the transportation of rural farmers state.

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