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Female Corp Member Collapses, Dies At Bauchi NYSC Orientation Camp

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Tragedy struck in Bauchi state as a female corps member, Magdalene Yohanna collapsed at the NYSC orientation camp and died few minutes after she was rushed to Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University Teaching Hospital (ATBUTH) Bauchi.

Daily Independent gathered that this was barely four days after the 2019 Batch 'A' corps members reported for the three weeks orientation course at the Wailo camp of the National Youth Service Corp, NYSC, in Ganjuwa local government area of Bauchi state.

It was gathered that Magdalene had reportedly at the camp on that fateful morning of April 1, and had complained to NYSC officials about her protracted asthma illness, appealing that she would not be fit to attend the 'morning meditation' but her request was not taken.

The deceased against her will was forced to attend the 'meditation' and collapsed few minutes later.

It was gathered that she was immediately attended to by some corps members who are doctors and nurses in the camp, but when attempts to resuscitate her were not yielding results, she was rushed to ATBUTH.

Further inquiries from

medical doctors at the hospital concerning what could have led to the untimely death of Magdalene were rebuffed as the doctors explained that they were not authorised to speak on the incident.

However, a doctor who later spoke with Daily Independent on grounds of anonymity said the deceased relatives have been informed of her death.

Efforts to reach the NYSC Public Relations Officer in the State, Artu Marcus to speak on the matter proved abortive. He explained that he was in Jos and will release a statement over the incident when he returns to Bauchi.

However, after much pressure, he finally ar-

ranged for an interview with the State Coordinator, Afolayan James at Wailo camp, which was meant to be held immediately after the closing ceremony for batch 'A' Corps members.

Our reporter got to the venue of the ceremony at exactly 9:12am to attend the event, after which, he said the interview will not hold.

The ceremony lasted for about an hour, with the Director General of the Corps, Brig. Gen. Zakari Kazaure in attendance. During the ceremony several dignitaries gave their speeches, including the State Coordinator.

However in his address the State Coordinator did not give the deceased any men-



The deceased corp member

tion neither a minute silence was observed in her honour.

Efforts to get the state coordinator to react over the incident did not also yield

boss was very busy to speak.

It was learned that Miss Magdalene Yohanna, an orphan, sponsored her education throughout her higher institution. She was buried last Friday

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