

'We don't need autopsy; we just want to bury our daughter'

PARENTS of a three-year-old girl, Kaosarat, killed by a policeman attached to the Alapere Police Station, Lagos have rejected plans by the police command to conduct autopsy on her body before handing it over for burial.

Her father Murtala Saliu said the autopsy was not needed since she was killed in his presence.

He urged the Police Commissioner, Mr. Marvel Akpoyibo, to hand over her body for burial without prolonging their anguish.

His words: "What do they need an autopsy for? I was there when they killed her and they cannot deny that fact. They should give me my daughter so that I can go and bury her. There is no need suffering the poor girl the more by going to cut her open for no just cause. What has happened has happened. No matter what happens now, she cannot be brought back.

"I have handed the killers of my daughter to God, He will punish them in His own way and I know that He cannot disappoint me. They have taken our joy

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away; God will also take their joy away."

It was gathered that the state government is set to institute a legal action against the police, but the bereaved parents said it was not necessary since it would not bring back their daughter.

The police command is also making moves to pacify the bereaved parents.

It was learnt that Akpoyibo has invited the to a meeting in Ikeja today.

It was gathered that the meeting to explore how to compensate the parents so that they could stop talking to the media.

Police spokesman Frank Mba said the policemen involved in the incident had been dismissed and would be charged to court.

Mba said the girl was shot in error.

According to him, the policemen, who were at a checkpoint, were trying to stop a bus driver who refused to stop when the bullets fired at the driver hit the girl.

Little Kaosarat was shot on the head on Sunday