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These are apparently not good times for Nigerian journalists.

While the nation is still agonising over the kidnap last Sunday of four executives of the Nigerian Union of Journalists (NUJ), a female journalist in Bauchi State met her untimely death in a well.

Ms Rukayya Yusuf, 32, a duty Continuity Announcer with the programmes department of Radio Nigeria, Globe FM, Bauchi, was found dead Monday, in a well at her parents' residence at Fadama Mada area on the outskirts of Bauchi metropolis.

Rukayya was said to have mysteriously fell into the 16-feet well in the morning when she went to fetch water for her morning chores.

Her father, Alhaji Yusuf told *The Nation* at his residence on Wednesday afternoon that his daughter's body was found in the well after they mounted a search for her that lasted over one hour within and outside their residence.

He said: "We started looking for her and some one informed us that he saw her pair of shoes beside side the well. So, one of our neighbors decided to go into the well though it was full of water.

"Our neighbour dived inside the well and searched twice but he could not find her. Later, one of her uncles went deeper and felt her body. She was brought out and taken to the hospital where she was confirmed dead."

Meanwhile the Director General of the Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria, Malam Yusuf Nuhu, has condoled the families of the deceased and the entire members of staff and Management of Globe FM while he prayed God to give them the fortitude to bear the loss.

A statement signed by the Secretary of the Bauchi State Council of the Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ), Prince Sanusi Mohammed Hammed, described "the death of Rukayya Yusuf as a great loss not only to the family but to journalism profession in Nigeria."



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