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'NDA killed my son'

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A retired Wing Commander with the Nigeria Air Force, Danladi Angulu Kwasu has accused the Nigerian Defence Academy (NDA) of deliberately drowning his 19-year old son, Elshadai Kwasu (NDA/10037) in a 100 metre-deep lake during a training session.

Kwasu, representing Zangon Katf in the Kaduna State House of Assembly alleged that about 20 cadets have died in swimming exercise due to negligence and the NDA did nothing to change the situation.

He said: "My son died of drowning occasioned by gross negligence on April 30. The NDA took them for a camping exercise (Camp Highland) and in the course of the exercise, a worker pushed him into the deepest part of the Kangimi Dam.

"He was pushed into this deep water from a high platform. A rope was tied loosely around his waist with another person standing on the platform above the water and holding unto the other end of the rope.

"Before he was pushed, he expressed his reservations on using a rope as a safety measure since he had never swam before; the worker overheard him and while still on the platform, the same worker pushed him into the water suddenly and in the process, the loose rope around his waist was further loosened.

"When Elshadai disappeared, the worker watched helplessly, none of the trainers could dive to rescue my son; there was no life jacket, no lifeguard or diver to save the boy. Local fishermen were called to use their fish hooks to search and my son was accidentally hooked in his mouth and his corpse brought to the surface after three hours.

"I am compelled to speak because my efforts to be shown the video and get an official brief have been to

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no avail. I will not keep quiet; I will do all to address this impunity and incompetence as displayed by the NDA.

"My son is not the first to drown; not less than 20 officer cadets have suffered this faith and nothing was done to prevent a recurrence".

NDA commandant Major Gen. Mohammed Inuwa Idris said: "We shall state our side of the story tomorrow (today). We will call the press tomorrow morning and explain what happened".

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