

Makurdi gas explosion victim dies

A STUDENT, Miss Stella Merkyaa, who suffered multiple injuries from a gas explosion on July 18, died yesterday morning.

Merkyaa's cooking gas exploded in the hostel.

Benue State Commissioner for Health Cecilia Ojabo confirmed the death in a telephone interview. She described the incident as "unfortunate".

"Stella died in the early hours of yesterday; it is quite sad," she said.

The commissioner said the government supported the deceased "in every possible way" in her battle to survive.

NAN reports that the deceased moved through four hospitals - Federal Medical Centre, Makurdi; Benue State Teaching Hospital, Makurdi; Jos University Teaching Hospital; and Bingham Teaching Hospital, Masaka, where she died.

Stella's relative, Mrs. Torkwase Ajo, said she died at 4.30 am.

"We did everything possible to help her, but she gave up in the end," she lamented.

Police to pay N10m to family