

# 2 BROTHERS FOUND DEAD ...in father's car

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From ABUBAKAR IMAM,  
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**T**RAGEDY struck  
at Bazza area of  
Sokoto North Local  
Government Area  
when two lifeless  
bodies of half broth-  
ers were discovered  
inside their father's  
parked car in the  
evening of last Mon-  
day.

The two brothers  
namely, Abubakar  
Dahiru, 6 and Umar  
Dahiru, 5, were de-  
clared missing on the

first day of Ramadan,  
just one day after their  
father travelled for the  
lesser hajj (Umrah) in  
Saudi Arabia .

According to a resident  
of the area, Malam  
Ibrahim Abubakar, " the  
children got missing on  
the very day their father left  
the country for lesser hajj  
and since then nothing  
was heard about their  
whereabouts in spite of  
sustained efforts by their  
relatives and security  
agencies.

"It was just last Monday, 14  
of this month, precisely around  
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## RAMADAN MESSAGE

*From Sokoto State Government*

Ramadan is the holy month of  
prescribed fasting for Muslims.  
It was during this month that  
Qur'anic revelations began: "O  
ye who believe! Fasting is  
prescribed for you as it was  
prescribed for those before  
you that you may learn self-  
restraint." (Q.2:183) 'As it was  
prescribed' does not mean

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1pm when one of the mothers went into the garage where the father's car was parked to take some foodstuff when she perceived nasty odour, which she traced to the car which was locked and covered with car jacket.

On removing the jacket, she saw the bodies but they were at advanced stage of decomposition that she could not even recognize what they were.

She called her elder daughter who also could not recognize

what she had seen, a neighbour who was called confirmed recognizing them as their missing children.

According to the witness, the bodies of the two brothers were deposited at the Specialist Hospital, Sokoto.

When *New Nigerian* contacted the Police Public Relation Officer, he requested for a short time to confirm from the DPO nearest to the area, the confirmation that was yet to be received as at the time of filing this report.

THE Federal Government has approved the reintroduction of health workers special salary scale, according to Mr Ayuba Waba, the National President of Medical and Health Workers Union of Nigeria.

"We have reached an understanding with the Federal Government on the salary scale. In fact, we have almost concluded arrangement on the issue," he said.

Waba said in Maiduguri yesterday that the reintroduction of the salary scale

## Govt approves health workers salary scale

levels.

He declared: "The salary scale was first introduced in 1991 as part of measures to reposition the health care system, but was abandoned in 2008 following the consolidation of salaries by government.

"It is gratifying that government has accepted the proposal for its reintroduc-

exodus of Nigerian health professionals to other countries, and expressed optimism that the new salary structure would address the problem.

"Nigeria currently occupies 187th position among the 198 member nations in terms of health care indices, according to the latest UN report.

government in place.

"It is very clear that our problems are caused by dearth of professionals and facilities. It is on record that some 250 health professionals of Nigerian origin migrated to Europe last year alone," he added.

Waba also expressed optimism that the implementation of the salary scale