

ATBUTH to probe alleged negligence over patient's death

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IN its determined effort to unravel the circumstance surrounding the death of a patient, the management of Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University Teaching Hospital, Bauchi, has set up a panel to investigate the alleged professional misconduct.

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JUTH chief
medical director
to stop sacking
resident doctors**

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It was alleged that the professional negligence of the staff on duty led to the death of Master Yusuf Abdulkareem, who was said to have died while on admission in the hospital.

Seven-year-old Master Abdulkareem, who was the son of a Bauchi-based freelance Journalist, Abdulkareem Haruna, was reported dead last Tuesday morning around 3am after his parents had rushed him there in the early hours of Monday for medical attention.

The child, who was diagnosed to have been suffering from typhoid related intestinal complications, was expected to undergo some

surgical operations to remedy his condition before he finally died.

The parents had threatened to protest the gross act of negligence on the part of those who handled his case before he finally gave up.

According to them, the doctors and nurses on duty when he was brought literally folded their arms while the deceased was wreathing in pains, which eventually led to his death.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that during a condolence visit to the bereaved family, Mr Haruna, said, "God gives and takes life; but the unprofessional conduct of the doctors and wicked at-

titude of some of the nurses towards our son and many other patients at the ATBUTH should not go unpunished. They never gave my son the care he deserved when we took him there."

Apparently upset by the conduct of its doctors and nurses, the top management team, led by the hospital's Chairman, Medical Advisory Committee (CMAC), Dr Abubakar S. Kadas, on Thursday, paid a condolence visit to the bereaved family.

The team said they were at the bereaved's home in Bauchi to express their sympathy and regrets over the unfortunate development.

Dr Kadas had, in his con-

dolence message, acknowledged that there was a gross professional misconduct on the part of the medics who were supposed to save the life of the deceased.

"We, as a management of the Teaching Hospital Bauchi, don't normally do what we came here to do. But your son's case is a special one and that is why we are here to express our sympathy.

"If the CMD were in town, he would have personally led this team.

"We are sorry about what happened and we came here to assure you that we have set up an internal panel to investigate the issue for appropriate disciplinary actions."