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Police to investigate death of 2 siblings in Nasarawa

THE police command in Nasarawa State has vowed to unravel the circumstances surrounding the death of two siblings in Lafia, allegedly caused by personnel of the Nasarawa State Youth Empowerment Scheme (NAYES).

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Nansel Ramhan, confirmed this to the *News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)* on Thursday in Lafia.

NAN reported that the family claimed the deceased died of burns from fire ignited during a road crash allegedly due to harassment by NAYES personnel.

According to the police spokesman, the matter was reported by the family of the deceased on April 26 and investigation had begun to unravel the cause of their death.

Ramhan, therefore, said that though no arrest had been made, the police would ensure it got to the root of the matter.

Meanwhile, elder brother to the deceased, Promise Alkali, told *NAN* that his siblings (Patience, 24 and Destiny, 17) died due to the illegal activities of NAYES personnel.

He explained that his siblings were sent to buy foodstuff and Premium Motor Spirit

(PMS) for the generator due to the lockdown in the state, "but my siblings met their avoidable death when they were trying to dodge from the NAYES personnel who wanted to hit them with a stick.

"While trying to escape, they fell with the motorcycle and the fuel spilled on them and caught fire along with the bike.

"They were rushed to Dalthatu Araf Specialists Hospital (DASH), Lafia, where my brother died, while my sister later died at the Federal Medical Centre (FMC), Makurdi, Benue State" he added.

He, therefore, called on the

Nasarawa State government and the police to bring those responsible for the death of his siblings to book.

When contacted, the manager of NAYES in the state, Abdullahi Maina, said he was informed of the development but claimed that his men were not responsible for the incident.

He added that the police were already investigating the matter.

NAN reported that the deceased were buried on Wednesday April 29, at the family residence in Tudun-Gwandara, Lafia.

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