

Patient dies as NSCDC arrests two quack medical personnel in Bauchi

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AFTER operating a clinic illegally for 20 years in the remote village of Mansur in Alkaleri Local Government Area of Bauchi State, two quack medical personnel have been arrested by operatives of the Bauchi State Command of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), for operating without permit.

The state commandant of the NSCDC, Mr Nuradeen Abdullahi, while parading the suspects on Tuesday in Bauchi, said they were apprehended following a tip off.

Abdullahi said the village head of Mansur reported the case of suspected illegal operation of a clinic in the village.

He said: "The village head of Mansur, through his representative, reported an illegal operation of a clinic that resulted in the death of a woman, the late Mrs Nasiya Garba (25), who went there for treatment."

He further said that "the NSCDC divisional officer in Alkaleri LGA immediately swung into action after re-

ceiving the complaint and arrested the two suspects.

"Preliminary investigation revealed that Nasiya was an asthmatic patient and she went to the clinic for medical attention, but she was administered an injection unprofessionally; she later became unconscious and died."

The commandant said investigation was already ongoing into the case and the suspects would be charged to court as soon as possible.

One of the suspects, Yakubu [surname withheld], who is the owner and operator of the clinic, while speaking to newsmen, admitted that a woman died in the clinic.

He, however, claimed that he was a health worker in the employ of the state government before his disengagement from service during a retrenchment exercise by a previous administration.

Yakubu said: "I started operating the clinic without a licence or permission for over 20 years ago in the village; things have been going on well and this is the first time we will lose a patient in the clinic."