

2 Kuje inmates protest colleague's death

He died during protracted illness,
says NCS

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SOME inmates of Kuje Medium Security Custodial Centre on Monday protested against the death of one of their colleagues.

The protest followed claims by the inmates that the deceased was not given prompt medical attention, which led to his death.

It was gathered that during the protest, some inmates attempted to escape from the facility but were prevented by the warders.

The Nigerian Correctional Service, Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Command, confirmed the death of the inmate, saying this occurred during a protracted illness.

The Public Relations Officer (PRO) of the command, Chukwuedo Humphrey, confirmed the development in a statement made available to the **Nigerian Tribune** in Abuja.

Humphrey said the inmate was admitted into the Kuje Custodial Centre in 2019 and upon mandatory

medical examination, was diagnosed of some chronic ailments.

"He was immediately placed on special medical management by a combined team of medical personnel in the facility, as well as occasional referrals to the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Gwagwalada, when necessary.

"Unfortunately, when the inmate's health deteriorated over the weekend, all efforts by the medical personnel to resuscitate him failed.

"A peaceful prayer session is being organised by the staff and fellow inmates of the deceased for the repose of his soul," he said.

"The Controller of the Command, Ahmed Musa Ahmed, while expressing his condolences to the family and friends of the late inmate, reinstated his commitment to putting the health and general welfare of inmates and staff in the front burner."