

Principal, vice principal in police net for allegedly flogging JSS3 student to death

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Two suspects who allegedly flogged a student to death over absenteeism were arrested and detained by the Police Command in Kaduna State.

The acting Police Public Relations Officer of the Kaduna State Command, ASP Mansur Hassan, named the school as Al-Azhar Academy, a private secondary school.

He told newsmen in Zaria, on Saturday that the commissioner of police in the state had ordered a thorough investigation into the matter, adding that more would be arrested in connection with the death of the student.

In a separate interview with newsmen, an uncle to the deceased student, Malam Isa Saidu of Kofar Kuyanbana area, Zaria, said his nephew, Marwanu Nuhu-Sambo, died on October 20 at Al-Azhar Academy, a private secondary school in Zaria.

He added that before his death, Nuhu-Sambo was a JSS 3 student at the school.

According to Saidu, a friend of the father of the deceased took him back to the school and handed him over to the principal.

He added that the principal flogged him in his presence, thereafter the vice principal of the school took him to the assembly ground where the deceased was flogged again in the presence of other students.

"The late student was again taken to the principal's office and flogged again where he attempted to run away but was prevented from running away by the school prefects.

"He was still beaten to the extent that he lost some of his teeth and then went into a coma and subsequently lost his life," Saidu said.

In her reaction, Rukayya Sambo, a sister to the deceased, told newsmen that her late brother was asked to repeat his class after a promotional examination which he declined and stopped going to the school.

"He was then taken to the school by one of his uncles and handed over to the school principal who vowed to punish him for absconding.

"It was after the uncle left the school that the teachers engaged late Marwanu in a serious beating to the extent they broke his tooth and later killed him," she said.