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Police arrest proprietor over pupil's death

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The Ekiti State Police Command has arrested the proprietor of a nursery/primary school in Ado-Ekiti over the mysterious death of Moyosoreoluwa Falaye, a two-year-old pupil of the school.

The Police Public Relations Officer in Ekiti State, Mr. Jimoh Mohammed, in a telephone interview with our correspondent in Ado-Ekiti on Thursday, confirmed the arrest of the class teacher of the deceased.

The PPRO said that the Criminal Investigation Department at the command was investigating the circumstances surrounding the death of the pupil and would make public its findings.

Falaye was taken to school in the school bus two days before her second birthday, but she was said to have been found dead in an uncovered well in the school premises.

Our correspondent gathered that the school authorities discovered that the baby was missing during break time, but they did not inform her parents.

The mother of the deceased, Mrs. Bukola Falaye, claimed that the proprietor of the school refused to state that her child had died.

She said that she called the cell phones of the driver of the school bus, the proprietor and the proprietor's wife, but they refused to pick their calls and later switched off their telephone sets.

She said, "I went back to the school and I met the wife of the proprietor, who was asking me to take it easy when I became enraged. She said that my daughter fell down and was taken to one hospital she claimed she did not know."

Apart from the school management's refusal to inform the parents of the pupil's death, the claim that the baby was found in a well was faulted by doctors at the University Teaching Hospital, Ado Ekiti.

Falaye said, "Till this moment, they could not explain to me what exactly happened to my baby; somebody said she fell into the well; the hospital said they did not drain any water from my baby, but the proprietor and his wife could not explain how it all happened.

"They did not pick my calls (the driver and the class teacher.) I want to ask them why they have to hide the incident from me as the mother, and why they left my baby at the University Teaching Hospital without any of the school official staying there with her."

The father of the deceased, Mr. Taiwo Falaye, said that he wanted justice to be done in the case because of the mysterious way in which the death occurred.

Comments :

- Really sad event. This is an exposure for school authorities that are lackadaisical to the welfare and whereabouts of the children in their school. it is very possible that the 2 year old wandered about and ended up falling in the well but the irresponsibility of the authorities of the school not to have informed the parents immediately and instead fabricating

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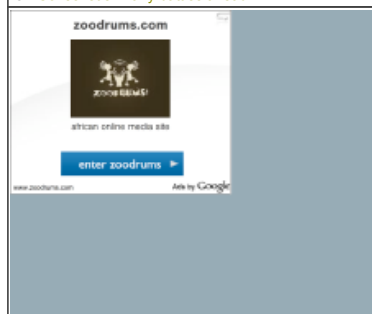
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- what a sad event.i think there is a very great lapses in the organisation of the school.It appears so porous.Its rely pathetic but i think the hospital management should be able to onfold properly the likely cause of the child death from her autopsy. Then,justice should prevail and adequate measure should be put in place to fustal future occurence there or elsewhere

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- This is soooo sad. But for the rat race and the need of a double income for families to survive, what should a two year old be doing schooling? My heart and my prayers go out to the girl and her families. May the Good Lord give the girl's parents the fortitude to bear this irreparable loss, and may the lovely, innocent soul of the departed rest in absolute peace in Jesus Name. Ire o.

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