

# Family tackles

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**T**EARS flowed on Saturday at a cemetery in the Ayobo area of Lagos State as family and friends of a 10-year-old sickle cell patient, Daniella Ojimi, laid her remains in a grave.

The family, however, blamed her death on the negligence of two health workers at the Alimosho General Hospital, Igando, whom they said treated the family with indifference when Daniella was rushed to the facility.

*PUNCH Metro* learnt that the Junior Secondary School one pupil was rushed to the hospital after she had a crisis on Saturday.

A doctor on duty in the children ward was alleged to have rejected the victim on discovering that she had sickle-cell anaemia.

It was alleged that the doctor, without administering any first aid or giving a referral letter to the family, told them to take her to the Lagos State University Teaching Hospital, Ikeja.

The victim was said to have, however, died shortly afterwards.

The victim's father, Dele Ojimi, said when the family made a scene on the premises

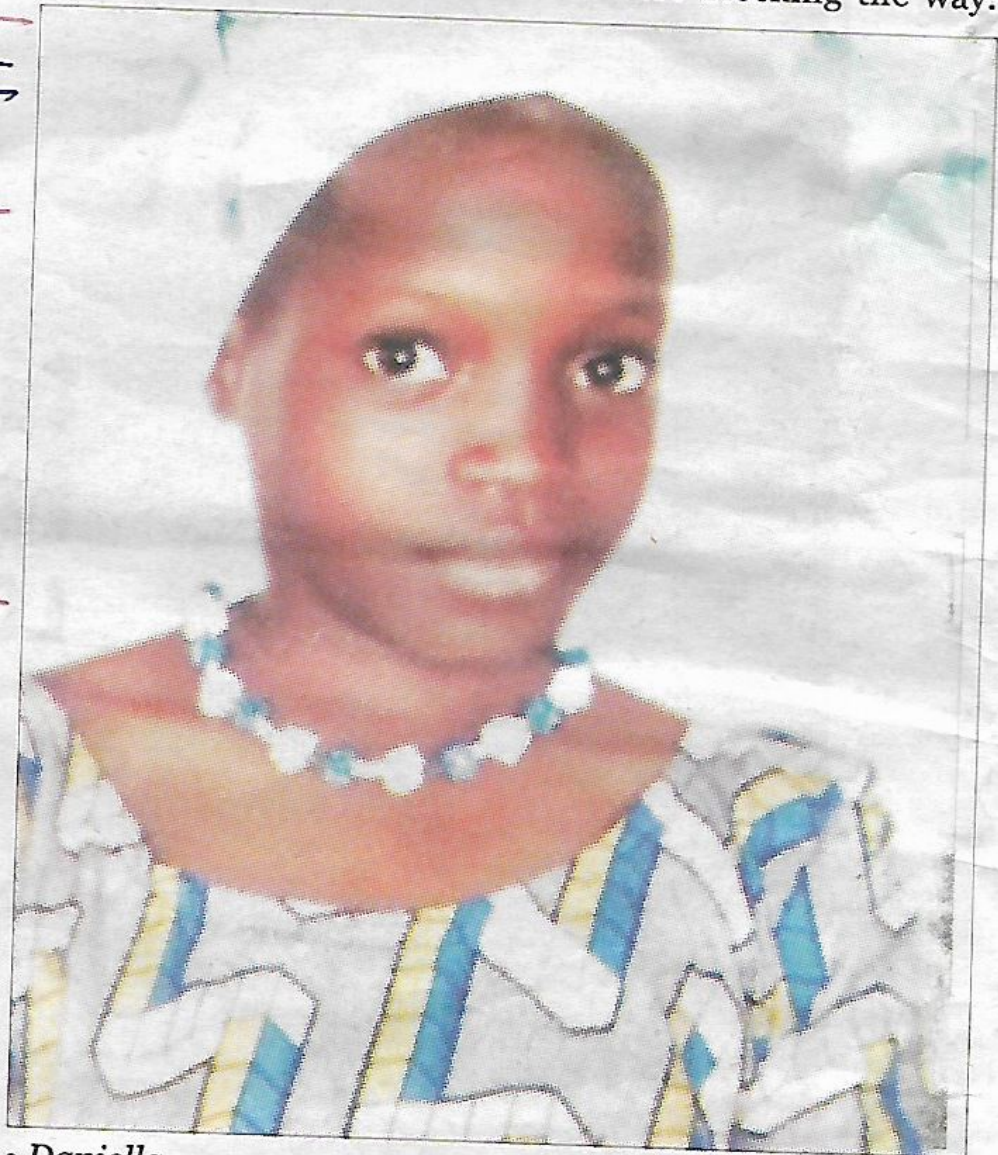
of the hospital, the Managing Director, Bolaji Adebisi, intervened and criticised the action of the doctor.

The female doctor was alleged to have asked the victim's father to buy a form and a file for the dead child as she attempted to save face.

Dele said, "We initially rushed the child to a health

centre and we were referred to the Alimosho General Hospital. When we got there, we were asked to go to the children ward.

"The female doctor we met there was nonchalant; she told us that it was none of her business. One of her colleagues shouted at us that we were blocking the way.



• Daniella