

bathed them at 1 a.m at the backyard of his house and slept with them in his shrine,

travelled. So, I had to sleep in their house."

some arrests had been made in connection with the murder.

Suspects dies in NSCDC custody, family seeks justice

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A 38-year old man, Jamilu Abdullahi, arrested by the Sokoto State command of the Nigerian Security and Civil Defense Corps (NSCDC, has died in custody. His family is crying for justice.

The tragedy happened on May 26, 2015 when the deceased was arrested by the operatives attached to the Sokoto South Local Government division, following a complaint lodged by his neighbour. Amina Mohammed, who is on the run. He had reported Abdullahi to the operatives sequel to a mere misunderstanding between them.

The deceased had slumped while still under custody and was rushed to the State Specialist Hospital.

However, it could not be ascertained

whether the late Abdullahi slumped while being quizzed.

The state's Commandant, Mr Bello Musa, confirmed the incident, adding that a committee had been set up to unravel the mystery behind the death.

His words: "I can authoritatively confirm the death of the deceased after he was arrested by operatives of the corps at the Sokoto South Local Government division following a complaint lodged by his neighbour.

"But it is untrue that personnel of the corps killed him. Investigations will reveal the cause of his death. Any officer who might be indicted will face the wrath of the law," Musa vowed.

The commandant also confirmed that the corpse which was rejected by his family is in the morgue of the Usmanu Danfodiyo University Teaching Hospital, Sokoto, adding that the death certificate would have been ready by yesterday.

"We hope to return the corpse to the

family together with the death certificate any moment from now. Then, we expect that they will receive it and bury his remains according to Islamic rites," he added.

The bereaved mother, who is also a widow of a retired soldier, Binta Abdullahi, said they rejected the corpse after they suspected that he was allegedly "tortured" to the point of death.

"He was our breadwinner. He had four younger sisters and three younger brothers. He graduated from the College of Agriculture, Bakura in Zamfara State. He was working with Tureta Local Government until his death," Binta noted

She said the family demanded justice and expected the death certificate to reveal the cause of death.

"We also want the report of the autopsy on his remains, then, we will accept the corpse and bury him before we ponder on the next line of action as we demand justice be served," she said.