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JOHESU strike: Kebbi FMC loses 7 patients

Our Correspondents

Following the ongoing strike embarked upon by members of the Joint Health Sector Unions (JOHESU), about seven patients were yesterday confirmed dead at the Federal Medical Centre (FMC) in Birnin Kebbi, Kebbi State.

That was as the Federal Ministry of Health (FMOH) would meet with the chairmen, chief medical directors and medical directors of teaching hospitals, FMCs and Specialist Hospitals tomorrow, to keep them abreast of the Federal Government's

position on the nationwide indefinite strike.

However, the leadership of JOHESU has accused the FMOH of bias, injustice and provocative antics, occasioned by its efforts to enforce the 'No Work No Pay' policy and the employment of emergency staff to fill the gap created by the strike.

Confirming the incident of the seven patients that died at the FMC, Birnin-Kebbi, at the weekend, one of the staff who didn't want his name in print and also a family source of one of the deceased said that he lost his brother on Saturday because of lack of

medical attention.

New Telegraph gathered that only one medical doctor and the some senior staff were on duty, adding that the hospital was deserted by health workers due to the strike action.

"We lost some patients because members of JOHESU were not on ground in the hospital," said the family source.

Speaking to newsmen the Medical Director of the FMC, Birnin Kebbi, Dr. Abdulhai Ibrahim, denied the allegations, saying that the health facility usually refers some of the critical cases to state owned hospital or any private clinic, adding that even last week, the facility carried out some surgeries and they were successful.