

Kaduna seals Zaria academy over student's death

The Kaduna State Schools Quality Assurance Authority (KSSQAA) has sealed Al-azhar Academy in Zaria over the alleged beating of a student to death.

The school is owned by the father of the Chief Imam of the National Mosque, Sheikh Ibrahim Ahmad-Makari.

A JSS 3 student, Marwan Sambo, 19, was reported to have died from the severe beating and corporal punishment he received by some teachers over absenteeism.

In a statement yesterday, KSSQAA Director-General, Usman Abubakar, said the Ministry of Education had launched a fact-finding mission.

He said their visit to Zaria was to assemble the sequence of events that transpired from the Al-Azhar Academy, where the incident happened, to the victim's home, to offer condolences and engage with the bereaved family and some school mates of the victim.

Abubakar added that the KSSQAA team visited the Divisional Police Headquarters, Zaria City, where the principal and the vice-principal were being detained.

He said: "The fact-finding team then moved to the Hajiya Gambo Sawaba General Hospital Zaria, where the victim was formally confirmed dead."