

# Journalist Found Dead in Well

The body of a 32-year-old journalist, Rukayya Yusuf, was found in a well in her parents' residence located at Fadamar Mada area on the outskirts of Bauchi metropolis on Monday.

Rukayya, who was until her death an announcer with the Programme Department of Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria (FRCN), Globe FM, Bauchi, was said to have mysteriously fallen into the 16-foot well in the morning when she went to fetch water for her morning chores.

Her father, Alhaji Yusuf, told THISDAY in his residence on Tuesday that his daughter's body was found in the well after about 45-minutes search for her whereabouts.

"We started to look for her and somebody said he saw her pair of shoes at the mouth of the well. One of our neighbours decided to go into the well, it was full of

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*From Segun Awofadeji*

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water. He searched twice but could not locate her. One of her uncles then went deep and felt her body. She was brought out and taken to the hospital where she was confirmed dead," Yusuf said.

Meanwhile the Director General of FRCN, Malam Yusuf Nuhu, has condoled with the entire members of staff and management of Globe FM as well as the families of the deceased, praying that God will give them the fortitude to bear the loss.

This is coming as the Bauchi State council of the Nigeria Union of Journalists, NUJ, in a statement signed by its Secretary, Malam Sanusi Mohammed Hammed, described the death of the female journalist as a great loss to the journalism Profession as a whole.