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Eight years old girl dies in hospital due to alleged negligence

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An eight-year old girl has reportedly lost her life at the Bayelsa owned Diette Koki Memorial Hospital for women and children due to alleged power outage.

The deceased girl, identified as Inato Sunday, it was learnt was until her death a primary two pupil.

Miss Inato Sunday, was said to have died due to alleged negligence of staff and management of Diete Koki Memorial Hospital.

According to some aggrieved family members, the death was caused by the unavailability of the technical staff of the hospital in charge of the power generating set.

The deceased, an Ogbia indigene of Ogbia Local Government Area of the state, was reportedly rushed to the hospital by the parents on Monday due to stomach ache complaint but that her situation got worse on admission and died in the early hours of Tuesday at about 2am.

The father of the deceased, Sunday Nyingasa, lamented that following the administration of treatment and series of unidentified drugs, the deceased started convulsing.

"Before we knew it, my daughter started convulsing. We prayed as the doctors tried all their best to stabilize her condition. Later she became calm and they said that they have no choice but to put her on life support machine.

"To save the life of my daughter I paid for all they asked me to do. But the doctors allow my daughter to die because of power failure."

The father of the deceased said though power failure was experienced in some parts of the state and when it occurred at the hospital at about 2am, "I was thrown into confusion."

"The staff in charge of the generating set that would have switched on power was nowhere to be found.

"It took the nurses over 15 minutes to look for the man who was suppose to put on their power generating set. So sad, my daughter couldn't hold on any longer, as she started vomiting and later gave up the ghost."

Another family member noted with sadness, "the late Inato Sunday would have marked her eight year birthday in July but the negligence of staff and management of Diete Koki Memorial Hospital in Yenagoa made sure that this didn't happen."

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