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Enclosed is the news item appearing in 'The Statesman' an English daily dated 27. 02. 2018, captioned " 13-yr-old dies, kin allege medical negligence"

Principal Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department, Govt. of West Bengal is directed to furnish a detailed report by 28th March, 2018.



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Chairperson



(Napanarajit Mukherjee)

Member

13-yr-old dies, kin allege medical negligence

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A 13 year-old boy who suffered injury at his ankle while playing cricket died allegedly after being administered three consecutive injections at a state-owned super-specialty hospital in Barjora in Bankura last evening.

Following the death of the teenager, his kin, residents of his native village and neighbours ran amok and detained doctors, blocking the hospital Emergency ward this morning for several hours.

Later, the family members lodged a complaint with the BDO, Barjora, demanding immediate action against the hospital doctors' alleged negligence that caused the boy's death.

The police, meanwhile, managed to disperse the agitators after promising that a probe will soon be launched against the doctors.

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Thirteen year-old Sujoy Bauri of Oanra village in Khanrari Panchayat area suffered injuries at his ankle while playing cricket with his friends at the village yesterday. He was taken to the Block Super Specialty Hospital in Barjora yesterday.

The hospital, according to the family members, discharged him within an hour after preliminary treatment, including administering an injection and giving an ointment at the Emergency ward. The family said that the boy started developing multiple complications after being taken home and he was taken

back to the hospital at around 11 p.m.

The allegation was that the hospital didn't attend to a sinking Sujoy and referred the case to Bankura Sammiloni Medical College & Hospital immediately after he was taken back there.

He succumbed on the way while being shifted to Bankura town. Mihir Bauri, father of the deceased, alleged: "When we took my son back to Barjora hospital, they started playing a hide and seek game and initially had denied that he was given primary treatment at their Emergency ward barely five hours ago."

He added, "When we produced documentary proof, they made no delay and referred my son to Bankura."

Today morning, an irate crowd of nearly 300 men from Oanra village marched to Barjora hospital carrying Sujoy's body. They asked the hospital authority to explain why

the boy who had suffered injuries at his ankle, died after being administered medicine and why, if his condition was so critical that he needed to be referred to the higher health installation, he was discharged by the Super Specialty hospital five hours before.

The Barjora hospital authorities, meanwhile, remained unfazed by the charges of medical negligence causing the boy's death.

Dr Kaushik Garai, Medical superintendent of the hospital said: "A complaint has been received and registered, an inquiry is pending."

He refused to divulge the details of medicines administered to the boy.

Mr Alok Mukherjee, chairman, Patient's Welfare Committee at the Barjora hospital said: "We agree with the victim's family members and the matter needs to be inquired into in detail."