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Abuja - A police corporal, assigned to the Wuse Zone 3 Police Division, Abuja, died on Monday at the National Hospital after rejecting blood transfusion.

The husband of the deceased, Emmanuel Timothy, alleged in an interview with the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN), that the wife, Grace, who was a member of the Jehovah witness, died because her family refused to consent to her having a blood transfusion.

`She lost her pregnancy at seven months, which resulted in a surgery to get the baby out. After the surgery she had complications.

"When she complained of serious stomach ache, we rushed her to the National Hospital where the doctor said her stomach had to be flushed. "But, before the flushing, they said she needed blood transfusion because she had already lost such much blood.

"However, she did not get the blood transfusion because her religion and family forbid blood transfusion," Timothy said.

When asked if he would press charges against the parents of his late wife, he said he might consider doing so. "I have to press charges because they prevented my wife from receiving blood transfusion. "Over our dead body. It is better she dies than for her to take another person's blood," they said to me.

Timothy was at the police station to report the wife's death.

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Jehovah's Witnesses doctrine allows a liver transplant but not the blood that is in it Reasonable points are raised about bloodless alternatives during ELECTIVE scheduled surgery

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