

Police shooting: Bullet lodged in woman's

Adelani Adepegba

A mother of two, Fati Ali, who was shot in the head by a policeman, is still grappling with the bullet that lodged in her brain.

Ali was in a car along with a family friend on March 31, 2012, when a bullet fired by a policeman at a checkpoint at Niteco area, Minna, Niger State, pierced the rear window, hit the back of her head and lodged in her brain.

She was immediately rushed to the General Hospital, Minna, but the hospital referred her to the National Hospital some day.

Ali, who was admitted to the National Hospital, Abuja, about three months ago, has undergone several surgeries but doctors have been unable to remove the bullet from



The side where the bullet is lodged in Ali's brain. Inset: Ali. Photo: Adelani Adepegba

her brain.

A medical report

signed by Dr. Enemosah Ibrahim dated June 15,

2012, states, "CT brain scan revealed fracture of right temporoparietal bone, cerebral edema, intracerebral right temporal lobe bleeding and bullet tract from the

Ali's brother, Adamu, said the only option was for her to be taken abroad for brain surgery.

He said the family had spent over N1m and a bill of about N1.5m was still

has stopped giving her drugs, because we have not settled the outstanding bill and the police have not assisted us in any way.

"We spoke to the Police Public Relations Officer

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