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Kano shuts private hospital over death of patients

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The Kano State Government has shut down a private health facility in the state over two deaths recorded in the hospital in six months.

The health facility, Green-Olives Hospital, situated at Sabon Titi, Tal'udu Gadon Kaya in Gwale LGA, was shut down by the Private Health Institutions

Management Agency (PHIMA) over a report from a committee of citizens over the death of two patients at the facility.

The Executive Secretary of PHIMA, Dr. Usman Tijjani Aliyu, who announced the closure of the facility in a statement, said the agency investigated the cases thoroughly and found a lot of misconduct and mismanagement in terms of services rendered to patients in the facility.

The statement read: "The surgeon serves as the anaesthetic nurse, peri-operative nurse and assistant surgeon as well, hence he alone does the four jobs during surgery, and this is grossly unethical by all standards.

"Consent forms were not signed before surgery, patients were not adequately prepared before surgery and no intra-operative monitoring of patients during surgery."

Dr Adamu appealed to

residents to report such cases of malpractices wherever in Kano for prompt action.

He also assured that the culprit would be dealt with in accordance with the guidelines of the agency, adding that the agency will continue to collaborate with the good people of the state and other civil organizations to fight quackery and patients' mismanagement in the private health sector across the state.