

# NAFDAC arrests fake doctor for allegedly killing patient

**F**OR involving himself in unwholesome medical practice without possessing the required educational qualification, Mr. John Aikoye is now being detained by the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC).

Briefing journalists in Abuja at the weekend, Head of Establishment, Inspection Directorate, Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Bolarinwa Yusuf, alleged that Aikoye was apprehended after injecting one Mr. Olawunmi with substance which resulted to his death.

"One Mrs. Olawunmi came to our office on April 24, 2007, to lodge a complaint that her husband died after receiving an injectible substance from one Mr. Aikoye. She said sometime in August 2006, her husband went to Mr. Aikoye's clinic at Dawaki area of Kubwa, Abuja, to receive treatment when he was sick and the man administered some drugs and injectibles on her husband and shortly after, her husband became unconscious and was passing some fluid. The man was rushed to the National Hospital where he was admitted and died after three days".

Yusuf explained that Aikoye was subsequently arrested to find out what kind of drugs he administered on the late Olawunmi and the type of tests that were carried out before drugs were administered.

According to Yusuf, Aikoye insisted that he only administered paracetamol and nothing else.

The NAFDAC operative stated that Aikoye was operating in a two-room apartment with one of the rooms serving as his own bedroom and the other room, which he further demarcated into a two-

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room serving as dispensary while the other was for admitting patients, as well as where he administered injectibles.

He added that a large quantity of empty injectibles were discovered in his compound which gives the impression that Aikoye had injected a lot of people with these dangerous substances which is contrary to the law guiding administration of injectibles in the country.

He maintained that only qualified personnel are permitted to administer injectibles on patients.

Upon interrogation, Yusuf stated that the said Aikoye pointed at harsh economic reality in the country for his actions.

Yusuf said: "Upon interrogation, Mr. Aikoye confessed that he only holds

Community Health Extension Certificate and that he has never attended any university. When we asked him why he was administering injection, recommending and dispensing drugs to the unsuspecting patients, Aikoye said he was doing that to raise money to feed himself and to further his education".

Yusuf further alleged that the said Aikoye also involved himself in stock-

ing fake medicine and engaging himself in stock-piling of drugs that were imported from some of the blacklisted drugs' companies.

Though Aikoye claimed that he is a registered member of patent medicine dealers, Yusuf said the suspect was never a registered member of the Pharmacists Council of Nigeria (PCN), which is a regulatory body of pharmacists in the country.

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