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Kano shuts private health facility over unethical practice

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KANO State Private Health Institutions Management Agency (PHIMA) has shutdown private health facilities in its ongoing exercise to monitor and ensure quality health care delivery in private health sector in the state.

According to a statement by the agency's spokesman, Abba Dalha, a group of con-

cerned citizens had written a petition against Greenolives Hospital situated at Sabon Titi Tal'udu, in Gwale Local Council of the state.

"We have received a petition written by a committee of citizens on two death cases that occurred at the facility within the last six months," he stated.

The agency, he added, had investigated the allegations thoroughly and found poor service rendered to patients

at the hospital.

"Consent forms were neither signed before surgery by patients' relatives nor adequate preparation made before surgical operations," the statement noted. "The only surgeon they have served as the anaesthetic nurse, peri-operative nurse and assistant surgeon as well. So, he alone did the four jobs during surgery, and this is grossly unethical by all standards.

"More so, the surgeon was not inclined to any specialty of surgery, as the first case was that of a three-year-old, which was paediatric surgery, while the second was that of a lady, which is Obstetrics and Gynecology (O&G) case."

PHIMA called on the citizens to be vigilant against quack doctors and private health facilities that offer poor services to unsuspecting patients in the state.