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Death at child-birth: EKO Hospital neglected my wife

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THE LAST may not have been heard about the complicity of medical officials of the EKO Hospital in the April 5 death of 36-year old Mrs. Dolapo Adesanya with the family considering legal actions against the hospital.

Daily Independent had on Monday reported that the family of the deceased is accusing the hospital management of "negligence and improper medical attention" of the deceased when she was first rushed to there for attention by her husband five days before her death.

In a chat with our correspondent on Monday, Segun Adesanya, husband of the deceased, recalled his wife's three-day ordeal at the hospital, prior to her eventual demise. He insisted that his pregnant wife was unattended to from Saturday morning until 3pm, when a consultant came around and ordered for some laboratory tests.

Unfortunately, he continued, "all the results for the test were never made available for any medical attention on her until after her death on Sunday morning."

He further told our correspondent: "Dolapo's situation deteriorated seriously and rapidly on early Sunday morning because no medical care was given to her aside the pain killers."

"On Sunday morning, around 4am, she pinged me saying, 'Segun, I'm feeling pain in my leg and cramps as if the legs are dead, the two, the pain is getting too much, please come.'"

"I replied her to call the nurse with a bell given to her and that I was coming right away; apparently, nobody went to her and by the time I got there around 5am on Sunday, she was all alone and no nurse or doctor had

attended to her truly. I was the one who had to call in a doctor to examine her that morning", he recalled.

The hospital had in a statement posted on its website, titled: "Re: Public Interest in Mrs. Dolapo Adesanya," denied complicity, describing the story as "one-sided social media narration of the unfortunate and tragic loss of 36 years old Mrs. Dolapo Adesanya after child birth, while under the care of EKO Hospital."

The hospital blamed the death on "clinical diagnosis of pulmonary embolism," a condition management says "sometimes occurs in people with predisposing factors e.g. post-surgery and post deliveries etc without warning."

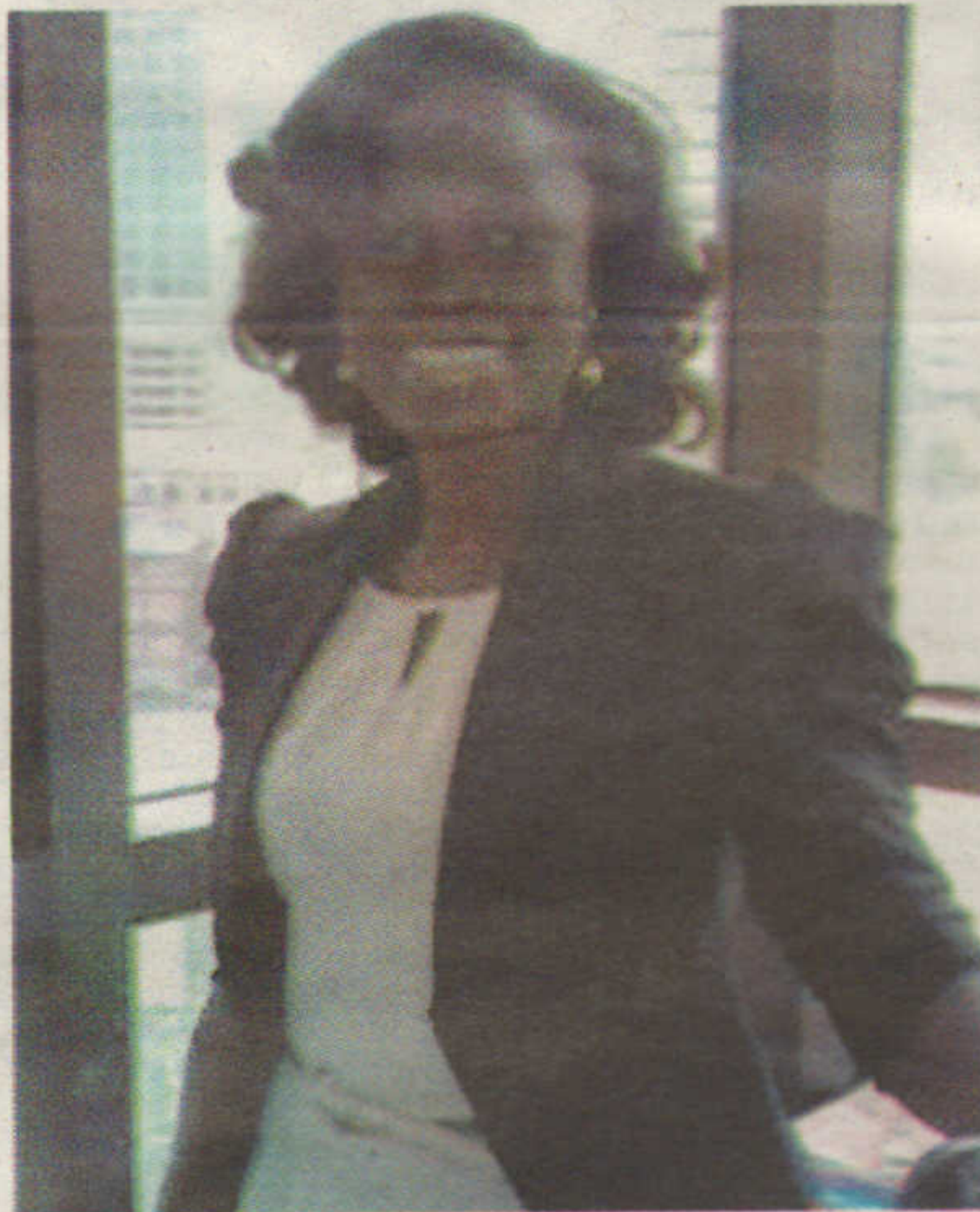
The legal action, Adesanya added, is to unravel the mystery leading to the sudden death of his wife on Sunday, April 5.

In an emotion laden voice amid intermittent sobs, he recalled how his late banker wife, drove herself to the hospital on Monday March 30 for her weekly ante natal. By Tuesday morning however, she reportedly complained of pains in one of her legs.

"I offered to drive her to the hospital before going to my office and on getting there, met the doctor on duty with the nurses who explained that the pelvic pain was as a result of the baby pressing on the nerves and so gave her some Paracetamol and a two-day sick off from work to rest."

"From Tuesday, she commenced on the use of the Paracetamol, but by Thursday the pain had worsened affecting the second leg, and by Friday, I had to take her back to the hospital."

"On arrival at the hospital, the nurses had to bring a wheel chair to take her in because she couldn't move and on getting to the emer-



•The late Dolapo Adesanya

gency she was referred for admission on the fourth floor by the doctor on duty.

"But my wife pleaded that she should be given a cesarean section to bring out the baby because the pain had become unbearable for her; I even offered to sign for the surgery to relieve her of the trauma but I was told there was no consultant around to carry out the section; that was around 5p.m", Adesanya recalled.

He told Daily Independent that no medical intervention was given his late wife after the initial check on arrival at the emergency at about 3pm until about 9pm when she began to experience quick and successive contraction which led to the eventual arrival of the baby boy while in transit to the labour ward on the wheel-chair.

Adesanya recalled that the condition of late Dolapo grew worse on Saturday, prompting her to send a BlackBerry message to her sister at 5am complaining of not being attended to all night, following which she was in cramp and could not move her legs anymore.

"I rushed to the hospital with the sister that Saturday morning and it was not until Saturday afternoon at about 3pm that a consultant came around and ordered for some laboratory tests but unfortunately, all the results for the test were never made available for any medical attention on her until after her death on Sunday morning", lamented Adesanya.

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He added, "When the doctor now requested for the results of the previous tests carried out on my wife, I was shocked to be told at the laboratory that the results wouldn't be ready till Tuesday after Easter. The female doctor now asked that she be injected with more pain killer till the results are available."

"My wife managed to take two slices of bread and at about 8.30am a nurse came in to give her some injections; it was after that injection that everything degenerated and she couldn't lift her legs, her voice ceased and at about 11am the medical team came and were screaming 'emergency,' brought in oxygen and shortly after, they came to me and accused me of giving her some local herbs which I refuted and soon after, I was told she had passed away," added.

Although Dolapo was buried last Thursday in Jebu-Itele, Ogun State, there is a likelihood she might be exhumed for a possible coroner's inquest, autopsy and forensic examination when the family concludes formalities for legal actions into the cause of her death.

Oyo Police parade electoral offenders

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NO FEWER than 15 suspects arrested over the last elections on Saturday in Oyo State were yesterday paraded by the Oyo State Police Command at the Command's Headquarters, Eleyele, Ibadan.

The State Police Commissioner, Muhammad Kastina, who was represented by the Command's spokesperson, Ade Ajisebutu during the parade told journalists that the suspects were arrested in different locations before and during the elections across the state.

He disclosed that a six-man armed gang, using vehicles that moved around some of the polling stations and collation centres at about 2:30 a.m. got themselves entangled in the impenetrable cobweb of Ambush Squad and when arrested one English-made gun, 27 live cartridges and assorted charms were recovered from them.

Similarly, the Oyo Police boss explained that two men, who stormed a polling unit at Kinni-Kinni Primary School, Saki on the election day and violently assaulted a security officer were arrested.

Equally, one Ayo Ajiboye was arrested on April 10 with some Accord posters with pictures of Governor Abiola Ajimobi superimposed on it with a view to misleading the public while four persons were arrested on April 11 in Kishi area of Irepo Local Government area of the state, he stated.

The Police Command, while thanking the people of the state for the peaceful conduct of the elections maintained that the police had to take some preventive measures to ensure that violence did not rear its ugly head, before, during and after the elections.

For instance, "24 hours before the election, dis-