

Mysterious Death Of Medical Doctor In Hotel Rattles Police In Edo

er said they were not even aware whether any doctor was kidnapped or not.

Meanwhile, palpable disquiet has enveloped the hospital, as some workers who did not want to be named, said the doctor's death has something to do with the current cult-related clashes in Benin and environs.

He was said to have returned to Benin from a trip on Saturday and was seen standing by the roadside in front of the hospital at Ugbowo, where he was said

to have been whisked away in a car by unknown men.

The Edo state police commissioner, Mr. Hakeem Odumosu, who confirmed the incident to our correspondent on phone, said "it is not a case of murder or kidnapping".

The doctor checked into a hotel on Saturday. He was not seen going out on Sunday nor did anyone visit him, so, the door was forced open on Sunday.

"He was found lying face-down on bed. The bed

sheet was not even ruffled. There was also a bottle of soft drink in the room.

"There was no sign of struggle or anything on him. We are looking into a case of suicide or suffocation.

"We are waiting for the autopsy report from the hospital and as a doctor, they are going to do a scan on the body, Odumosu said.

Earlier when contacted for clarification, the PRO of the UBTH, Joshua Uwaila, said he was not aware whether the doctor was kidnapped or not.