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Doctor held for expectant mother's death

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The police have arrested an alleged quack doctor, Adesina Sulaimon, over the death of a 36-year-old expectant mother in Lagos.

The woman, Mrs Agnes Olajorin, 36, allegedly died in his hospital where she had gone for the delivery of her baby.

The hospital, which is located in the Majoda area of Ikorodu on the outskirts of Lagos, has been sealed up by the police pending the conclusion of investigations.

It was gathered that the late Mrs Olajorin, while in labour, was rushed to the clinic by relatives and neighbours last Friday.

Sources said she developed some complications during delivery and bled to death while the doctor remained helpless.

Suspecting that Sulaimon was unprofessional in his conduct, the woman's relations were said to have invited the police, who later discovered that he was not qualified to practise.

A police source said: "The hospital was searched and the doctor could not provide the certificate of its registration and his own qualification certificate. He just opened the place on his own and started treating people."

The state police command's spokesperson, Ngozi Braide, a Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP), who confirmed the incident, said the suspect had been arrested. She said that detectives at the Homicide Section of the State Criminal Investigations Department (SCID) are investigating the case.

Braide said: "On May 2, about 8.30pm, a pregnant woman, Agnes Olajorin, allegedly died with her baby in the hands of Adesina Sulaimon, a quack doctor and owner of an illegal clinic in the Majoda area of Ikorodu during delivery. The case was reported and the doctor was arrested. The woman's remains have been deposited at the Ikorodu General Hospital mortuary for autopsy and investigation is ongoing".

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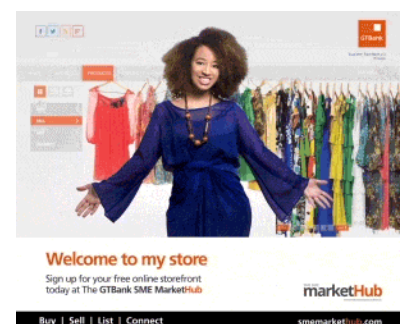
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