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Boy, 10 , two others die in Warri church

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Three persons died at the weekend in the premises of the Christ Mercyland Deliverance Ministries, on the outskirts of Warri metropolis, Delta State.

The three, including 10 year-old Emmanuel Odili, who reportedly went to the church see his mother who was in the church for prayers, died under mysterious circumstances.


According to sources, Odili had been declared missing within the church's premises by his family members on Friday, only for his body to be found floating on Saturday in a deep pit in the church premises.


His body was recovered by church officials and immediately deposited at a morgue and the incident later reported at the Ebrumede Police Station, Effurun, Uvwie council area of the state.


A police source, who was around while the case was being filed, hinted that there was a disagreement in the accounts of the church and the deceased boy's family concerning the state of his health prior to his sudden death; while the church claimed he was


mentally ill, his family said he arrived the church sane and healthy until his disappearance, adding that he only stepped into the church's premises to visit his mother who was there for prayers.


As the drama around the boy's mysterious death was unfolding at the police station, two other deaths were reported at the police station, involving Mrs. Beatrice Nwachukwu, from Imo State, and Antonio Abba, from Kano State, who were said to have died during


 liverance session on Saturday.

 While the matter of the boy was still being sorted out, people run down to the police

 station to report the sudden collapse and death of the woman, Mrs. Nwachukwu. I later

 heard that some others later came to report of another death of the man from Kano,

 Antonio. They said they died at different intervals on Saturday during prayer sessions.

 They were trying to link Mrs. Nwachukwu's death to a high blood pressure, but her husband claimed nothing was wrong with his wife before they arrived the church", the police source revealed.

Efforts to reach the General-Overseer of the Christ Mercyland Deliverance Ministries, Prophet Jeremiah Omoto-Fufeyin, for comment were unsuccessful as his mobile phone number could not be reached.

The spokesman of the church, Godday Emiko, denied the incidents. In a text message he sent to The Nation, he said: "Sorry, I saw your missed calls, there is nothing like that".

The Delta State Police Command has, however, confirmed the development. The Police Public Relations Officer of the command, Andrew Aniamaka (DSP), said the command had been informed of the development, adding that investigations were already on.

"Three people actually died, we heard one was through drowning. The other two also died in the church. Investigations are ongoing", Aniamaka said.