

and children, donated to the Saint Anne's School, Molete, Ibadan, on Wednesday.

Son, 2 others allegedly kill man while trying to cure mental illness

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THREE men are currently being detained by the police in Oyo State Police Command over the death of a man, Mr Dauda Raji, who died last Friday in Ibadan, after he reportedly took herbal concoction forced on him by three men, including his son, one Taofeek Raji.

The men have admitted giving him the concoction but said it was meant to cure the deceased of his mental illness.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that the deceased had called his lawyer, one Barrister Bello Babatunde on January 30 at about 10.00 p.m., saying that his son Taofeek, and two others wanted to kill him.

It was further learnt that the lawyer went to the man's house at Oje area the following day at about

7.00 a.m., only to meet the man locked up in a building while Taofeek and two other were outside.

On enquiry by the lawyer, on the reason why Raji was locked up, his son, Taofeek was said to have replied that his father was mentally ill and he and others wanted to administer traditional medicinal concoction on him to relieve him of the

illness.

On the same day, at about 12 noon, the lawyer reportedly received another call from late Raji, insisting that his son and two others wanted to kill him again.

By the time the lawyer got to the man's house later in the evening of the same day, he found out that he was dead.

The **Nigerian Tribune**,

however, gathered that the relations of the deceased quickly buried him the following morning.

Confirming the story, the Police Public Relations Officer, Olabisi Okuwobi-Ilobanafor said that the three suspects had been transferred to the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID), Iyaganku, Ibadan, for further investigation.

MDGs fund: Politics should not come into issues of health —Mrs Jonathan

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THE First Lady and the wife of the president of Nigeria, Patience Jonathan has called on the National Assembly to release the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) funds promptly and that politics should not come in with issues of the fund as it

related to the healthcare of the Nigeria people.

She stated this at the State House in Abuja while launching the Village Health Workers Scheme. "There are things we should not play politics with, we should think about the health of our women and children, the Nigerians voted us into power in order to better their lives".

The First Lady said that the scheme would create

of the other tiers of government.

The Minister noted that according to the National Bureau of Statistics, the maternal mortality ratio had reduced from 545 per 100,000 to 350 per 100,000.

Speaking at the event, the Senior Special Assistant to the President on MDGs, Dr Precious Gbeneol stated that the Village Health Workers Scheme had been carefully planned in collaboration

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