Pastor, wife nabbed by police over death of three persons in healing centre in Osun

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AS circumstances that led to the mysterious death of three people said to be from the same family in a healing centre run by a Cherubim and Seraphim pastor, Taiwo Olaniyi, in Ofatedo, Osun still remain cloudy, the state police command, on Saturday, assured that proper investigations had commenced on the case.

Pastor Olaniyi, who has been arrested inconnection with the crime, is currently being quizzed at the Criminal Investigations Department of the command.

He is said to have been making useful statement that would help the police on the matter.

The three people who gave the ghost after allegedly bathing with a soap given to them at the healing centre were identified as Rasheedat Mufutau, 58, Anifowose Basira, 48, and Abdul-Rahman Afolabi, 9 months.

Meanwhile, spokesperson of the state police command, Mrs. Yemisi Opalola, confirmed the incident, "The incident happened on June 28, 2022 at about 5:40am. It happened behind Olofa Grammar School, Ofatedo. Mr Taiwo Olaniyi, who is 42yrs, head of a C&S Church, also into trado-medical activities, said to be running a healing home and his wife, named Kemi, 28 years are currently in the custody in connection with the death.

"The deceased are Rasheedat Mufutau, 58 years. She was taking to there because she was diabetic. Others are, Anifowose Basira, 48 years and Abdul-Rahman Afolabi. We learnt they bathed with a soap while on admission at the healing home.

"The 9-month old baby was said to be crying without stop and was rushed out of the church. His cry alerted people to the happenings in the healing home. We are still investigating the matter. Those in the custody have made confessional statements. More people will be arrested."

The development, however, saw residents of the community where the incident happened, discussing the matters in twos and threes.

One of them said, corpses of the deceased were discovered around 5:40 am in the church premises by some people in the area.