

Court sentences fake nurse to six months imprisonment in Ibadan

Fake doctor arrested after patient dies through surgery in Bauchi

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A 39-year-old, Morili Oluwatoyin Balogun, has been sentenced to three months imprisonment for operating with a fake license of the National Association of Nigerian Nurses and Midwifery Council by a Grade A Magistrates' Court, Iyaganku, Ibadan.

Balogun, a mother of three, was arraigned on a two-count charge of conspiracy and forgery before the Chief Magistrate of a Grade A Magistrates' Court, Iyaganku, Ibadan, B.A. Gbadamosi, after her arrest at a private hospital in Ona Ara area of the state in 2018.

The case against her, which started in 2018, terminated with her conviction by the court.

The defendant admitted that she did not get her certificate from the council but from an institution in Ikorodu.

Gbadamosi, in the judgment which lasted for over an hour, of conspiracy and forgery and punishable under the law as all documents before the court, especially the licence, failed to tally with those issued by the council.

Before her judgment, counsel for the defendant, Tope Olayinka, urged the court to temper justice with mercy given that his client had no prior criminal record.

The Chief Magistrate, therefore, pronounced her guilty on

the first charge, which borders on conspiracy, sentencing her to six months imprisonment with an option of fine, while on the second charge, she was sentenced to three months imprisonment with hard labour without an option of fine.

In a related development, one Andrew (surname withheld), suspected to be a fake medical doctor, has been arrested by the Joint Task Force, Base 14 Boi, in Bogoro Local Government Area of Bauchi State.

The suspect was arrested on Sunday for allegedly carrying out an unsuccessful surgery which led to the death of one Joshua Haruna (45), a resident of Gambar Lere in the council area.

Andrew, who had been practising as a doctor, operated a chemist in Gambar Sabon Layi in Tafawa Balewa.

He was alleged to have cut open the stomach of his patient and left it open till the following day.

The JTF officer who arrested him said. The case was transferred to Tafawa Balewa police station because Gambar Sabon Layi is in Tafawa Balewa, while Gambar Lere is located in Bogoro LGA.

The deceased, it was gathered, was a former ward chairman of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Boi C Ward in Bogoro LGA.

The deceased who has since been buried, is survived by two wives and children.