

N500,000 bill: Lagos hospital mum

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A private hospital (name withheld) in the Ibeju/Lekki area of Lagos State, where a doctor allegedly refused to treat a pregnant woman, known as Kemi, due to her husband's inability to make an upfront payment of N500,000, has remained silent over the incident.

The tragic incident, in which the pregnant woman reportedly died, was first shared by her husband, Akinbobola Folajimi, in February.

However, it resurfaced on social media on Tuesday, sparking widespread outrage.

According to reports, the hospital, located in the Lekki area of the state, allegedly refused to provide emergency care without the deposit.

In a viral video, Kemi, visibly weak, could be seen

community confirmed to have a land belonging to the family. Lagos State Police Command



The deceased and her husband

inside a car with her husband, who was desperately trying to keep her conscious.

Calling her name repeatedly, he pleaded, "My goodness, Kemi, look at me."

Stay strong; look at me. Think about your kids, please. You need to be very strong for me."

Folajimi later revealed in a post that after being turned away by the private hospital, they were referred to a general hospital in Epe, where the wife died midway.

Expressing his grief, he wrote, "The doctor told me to deposit N500,000, and I begged him to start doing whatever was needed to save my wife while I ran around for the money, but they drove us out like they didn't care."

"Unfortunately, they blindly rejected us and asked me to take her to the General Hospital at Epe, even though the doctor knew that Epe from Lakwe is way too far for her condition. Before we rushed her to Epe, she was gone."

Federal Road Safety Corps, Sector Commander, FKSC, urged the motoring public to

after death of pregnant woman

When our correspondent visited the hospital's website on Wednesday, multiple calls to the phone number listed in the contact details went unanswered.

A text message by PUNCH Metro sent to the same

telephone number of the hospital also remained unacknowledged as of the time of reporting.

The alleged hospital's actions have sparked widespread condemnation online, with many Nigerians

demanding sanctions.

A lecturer, Dr Femi Yekinni, lamented in a post he shared on X.com, saying, "This is just so sad and heartbreaking. Save a life first, then do whatever you can to recover the money later."

"This is the acceptable standard all over the world. The National Assembly needs to make a law to address critical issues such as this."

Another social media user, Anthony Kene, pointed out, "The name of the hospital

US-bound traveller forfeits undeclared \$20,000 to FG

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JUSTICE Dehinde Dipeolu of the Federal High Court in Lagos on Wednesday ordered a United States of America-bound traveller, Olusola Okunfulure, to forfeit the sum of \$20,000 confiscated by the Nigerian Customs Service to the Federal Government.

Okunfulure was arrested by the NCS officials on March 28, 2025, during inward clearance of passengers for an evening flight to the USA

via the Murtala Muhammed International Airport, Lagos, following his failure to declare the sum of \$20,000.

Justice Dipeolu made the forfeiture order after Okunfulure was arraigned for the offence by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission.

The EFCC's prosecution counsel, Chineye Okezie, told the court that Okunfulure committed the offence on March 28, 2025.

However, Okunfulure



A gavel

pleaded guilty to the one count. Following his plea, defence

counsel, Joel Ogundire, made an allocutus on Okunfulure's behalf, praying the court to temper justice with mercy, and for part of the money to be returned to the defendant.

Ogundire said: "He is a family man for more than 15 years. His bank account clearly shows that he's into a legitimate business. He was shown the declaration form after he was cleared."

"We are not averse to forfeiting \$20,000 out of the \$30,000 as stipulated by law."

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