

Woman Dies During Childbirth

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“This boy has deprived me of my joy.” This was the statement that came out of the mouth of Mr. Ilesanmi, who lost his wife during childbirth at Lagos State General Hospital, Oke-Odo, Abule Egba.

P.M. News investigation revealed that Mrs. Ilesanmi walked to the hospital herself for her regular antenatal clinic around 8:30 a.m. on Monday this week.

Having noticed her condition and the weight (3.8kg) of the baby as revealed by scale machine, the doctors decided to carry out ‘emergency caesarean section’ on her.

It was Mrs. Ilesanmi that informed her husband who

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had gone to National Orthopaedic Hospital, Igbobi (NOHI) to seek extension of her wife's sick leave where she was a nursing sister there, since she's been taken to the theatre for 'sectioning' to which her husband did not object. However, the operation was not successful as she lost her life during the operation.

Investigations also revealed that a day after the death of Mrs. Ilesanmi, another woman who was equally 'sectioned' to deliver triplets died few minutes after the operation even when the relatives had started rejoicing over the success of the operation.

According to *P.M. News* investigation, the rate at which

maternal death occurs in this particular hospital is amazing.

For instance, it was said that the woman that was delivered of triplets on Tuesday, 11 July, 2006 was the third mother of triplets mother that had died this year alone in that hospital.

Investigations conducted at Lagos State Ministry of Health showed that the government is so worried about maternal deaths that there is on-going workshop that started about a month ago on how to reduce, if not eradicate, it in Lagos State

The questions on the lips of many are: Could it be that the medical personnel at Oke-Odo General Hospital did not attend the seminar or they just chose to be lackadaisical? Better still, are they too old to conform with modern ways of delivery?