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Baby factory: Police arrest proprietor, 6 pregnant women

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POLICE in Imo State Police yesterday arrested a proprietor of an illegal orphanage and six pregnant women in a crackdown on illegal baby factories and child trafficking.

The suspects were apprehended after men of the police command, acting on a tip off, stormed the illegal orphanage at Okigwe council area, allegedly run as a baby factory and for child trafficking by one Mrs. Julie Chukwuma.

The state Police Commissioner, Mr Taiwo Lakanu, gave the names of the pregnant suspects as: Chinyere Nwokocha, 30, Sussie Obinna, 20, Precious Godspower, 26, Lilian Uche, 28, Onyinyechi Egemonye, 24 and Joy

Nwaebonyi, 25.

He disclosed that the suspects would be charged to court after conclusion of its investigation.

In a related development the command has also arrested two suspects in connection with the murder of one Chinonye Onyejiaka, 27 of Nwangele Local Government area. Onyejiaka was allegedly murdered in a hotel in Owerri in February, according to Lakanu.

The police boss said his suspected murderers - Chikwado Iheanatu and Oguchi Junior Opara, 24, were arrested at different locations in Owerri.

Recovered from them were one pump action, one locally made single barrel gun and nine live cartridges. The CP said the suspects had confessed to the crime.