

Mysterious deaths hit Asaba Federal Medical Centre

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A SABA—SEVERAL 'unwarranted' deaths

Delta report

Delta Human Development report, would serve as "one of the building blocks to bring about peace" in the area, adding that the implementation of the real components of the electrification of rural areas using solar technology would best-track the achievements of the Niger Delta Development Commissions (NDDC).

Ibom ANPP join PDP

At a welcome ceremony yesterday in Uyo President Obasanjo, represented by Deputy Senate President Ibrahim Mantu maintained that the PDP remained strong and safe for people to join. Obasanjo, who described the ceremony as a "great reunion" urged politicians in the country to prioritise the interest of the

have been reported at the Federal Medical Centre (FMC) Asaba in recent times, a worrisome situation that is presently causing ripples.

And worried by the development too, the State Executive Council (Exco) rose from its meeting in Asaba yesterday and ordered a probe into the incident.

Briefing newsmen shortly after the meeting, the state Commissioner for Information, Dr. Festus Okubor, said "the state executive council has set up a committee to investigate the unwarranted deaths at the Federal Medical Centre.

It mandated the Honourable Commissioner for

Health to take a look at the operations of the Federal Medical Centre Asaba and report back".

In its reaction, the Public Relations Officer (PRO) of FMC, Mr. Nnamdi Ogbogu, told *Vanguard* that "management of the Centre has already set up a committee to look into the reported cases and the report would be made public", he stated.

Although neither the hospital nor the state government was willing to disclose the number of such deaths, our reporter gathered that the latest was death of a senior female government official who died there during child birth in purported questionable circumstances.

Asked whether the state government has the right to investigate the Centre, the Information Commissioner said "the state is sufficiently empowered to know why and to do everything in its power as much as possible to avert it.

It is in this regard that when ~~Deltans~~ are petitioning the Exco, it is only right that Exco will look into what public are saying."

nation, noting that the PDP would continue to reconcile and welcome aggrieved individuals and parties. The President said that the return of Etiebet to the PDP would boost the political development of Akwa Ibom and commended the leadership of the party in the state for their efforts.