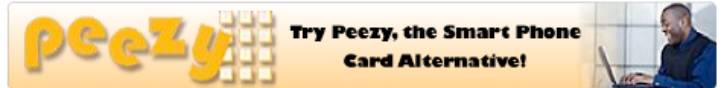


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Umuahia—ZONE 9 of the Nigeria Police, Umuahia has arrested two suspected fake medical practitioners. They were arrested in Ngo Okpala in Imo State. The two fake doctors were arrested for the death of a 17 year old Miss Onyemachi Onwuloro who died in the course of cesarean operation by the fake doctors in their hospitals. They were also arrested for running illegal hospitals.

Miss Onwuloro died in "New Life Amala" clinic after a caesarian operation performed by Agha who is the proprietor of the hospital. John Odumukwu however claimed that he is homopathic doctor.

Agha and Odumukwu were paraded before journalists Monday by the AIG in charge of Zone 9, Mr. Olusegun Efuntayo. The two illegal clinics are located in Eziana Ngor Okpala in Ngor Okpala Local Government area of Imo State. Odumukwu runs Divine Light Hospital Complex.

Agha, 43, holds School Certificate obtained in 1985, and has been running the clinic for over 15 years before he was arrested on account of the death of Miss Onwuloro.

Efuntayo, told reporters in his office that officers of the zone attached to the Anti-Human Trafficking Section, arrested the duo for the murder of the deceased and for operating illegal hospitals based on a tip-off.

"The duo, however, confessed to the murder of one Miss Onyemachi Onwuloro "F" of Umuodu Okpala in Ngor Okpala LGA of Imo State after an unsuccessful caesarian operation conducted on the deceased by "Dr." Phat Agha. They also confessed to have been in the business for over fifteen years without acquiring formal education or attending any medical school in Nigeria or outside the country", Efuntayo disclosed.

Odumukwu confessed that he referred Miss Onwuloro who was his patient to Agha for an emergency surgery to remove the foetus which Odumukwu said had already decomposed in the womb of the deceased. According to him, Agha's clinic is a working distance from his own hospital. He said that he usually refer emergency cases to him. He however, claimed he had formal homeopathic education and is registered with the Imo State Branch of the Homeopaths.

Agha on his part, acknowledged that he did not acquire any formal medical training but said he had worked as a theatre attendant under German medical doctors in a hospital in Lagos, from where he came home to set up his own clinic.

He claimed that he had the talent to operate as a medical practitioner, especially surgery, insisting that he could do it better than most professionally trained doctors.

He claimed that he has never recorded any death in his hospital before Miss Onwuloro's case.

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He however, maintained that the girl did not die as a result of unsuccessful operations but due to what he described as "gross anemia" as a result of the inability of her mother to provide the needed blood for transfusion for her survival.

Agha said that if the Police intensify its efforts to flush out quacks running illegal hospitals, they would be shocked to find that there were many even those he was better than.

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