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Doctor arraigned for allegedly killing housewife during surgery in Kwara

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ILORIN —A magistrate's court in Ilorin, Kwara State, has ordered Dr. Ayodele Joseph to be remanded in prison custody for allegedly killing a housewife, Nneka Akanike, 39, during an operation for appendicitis.

Ayodele, according to the complainant and husband of the deceased, Nnamdi Akanike, was approached at his hospital around sawmill area, Ilorin after

his late wife complained of "mere stomach pain."

"You tested her and confirmed it is appendicitis, you then charged N80,000. Along the line, you initially said she can be treated through operation or by injection but later said it has ripped and can only be operated," according to the police First Information Report, FIR.

The charge sheet added that "after you took his wife to the theatre with three staff nurses,

you refused his plea to allow him see his late wife in the theatre room until one of the nurses came and tell him she had died.

"But when the corpse was transported to the village in Anambra State, just six hours after death, it was discovered that her nose had been chopped off."

The police further told the court that investigation showed the accused was a quack medical practitioner.

He was charged to court on criminal conspiracy, negligent conduct, causing hurt and culpable homicide contrary to 97, 196, 253 and 221 of the penal code.

Prosecutor, Zaccheus Folurunsho, urged the court to remand the accused, which was objected to by defence counsel, A. Jimoh.

Magistrate AbdulRaheem Bello, in his ruling, ordered his remand at Ilorin prison and adjourned the matter to April 6, 2023.