

'Dead' babies discovered alive at burial home

Terrified father discovers his new-borns alive at a graveyard after hospital handed them in "a bag" as dead bodies

● The twin girls were both born prematurely

● SMC doctors pronounced them dead and handed over their bodies in "a bag"

● The twin girl's father found them alive during burial ceremony

● The hospital report also confirms that the man brought back the babies on the same day

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In a bizarre set of events, a twin-babies presumed dead by SMC doctors were found alive at a funeral home as they were about to be buried.

The twin girls, both born prematurely, their father, a Bahraini man, alleged were handed over to him by doctors at Salmaniya Medical Complex (SMC) pronouncing them a dead.

The babies, Zahra and Fatima, the father claims, were handed over to him "in bags".

Later the man got the shock of his life when he found that his little babies were actually alive.

Signs of life were 'discovered' just in time for burial at Bilad Al Qadeem graveyard in the Capital Governorate.

Soon, the man rushed the babies to SMC, but he ended up heartbroken once again, with both of them failing to survive the horrific ordeal.

Authorities were quick to acknowledge the horrifying incident and launched an investigation.

A document, the hapless father shared online and went viral, showed that the appalling incident occurred on October 16,

The patient came to SMC on October 15, 2020, at 8:00 pm, and she was in a state of abortion at 22 weeks of pregnancy, and the result was two new-borns. After examining them by the medical staff, they found at the time that there were no signs that they were alive and handed over to the father on October 16, 2020, at 9:30 am

THE CHIEF OF MEDICAL SERVICES AT SMC

On the same day, the father brought the new-borns back to SMC, and after examining them by the medical staff, doctors found that one of them was dead and the other was making a crying sound. The new-born was taken to the neonatal-intensive care unit for premature infants, but she passed away on the same day at 9:30 pm."

THE REPORT

Public prosecution takes action

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Bahrain's Public prosecution said it had opened an investigation into the claims made by the father of the dead twins and the allegations against the hospital.

The Chief Prosecutor, Adnan Al-Wadaei, said an investigation was opened immediately into the incident with investigators collecting the statement of the father and the documents in this regard.

The authority said it conducted a forensic investigation and conducted autopsies of the newborn immediately after being notified about the incident.

The prosecution has also assigned the National Authority



for Regulating Health Professions and Services to take swift action and prepare a detailed report.

Al-Wadaei said the investigation is currently ongoing with it hearing testimonies of witnesses to determine the circumstances leading to incident and criminal responsibility.

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Doctor suspended, investigation ongoing



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The terrifying set of incidents also triggered some swift official action.

Health ministry, in a statement yesterday, confirmed suspending a doctor for his alleged role in the incident under investigation.

The statement, quoting Government Hospitals Acting CEO Dr Ahmed Al Ansari, affirms forming an investigative committee immediately after being notified of the incident.

"A special investigation committee was formed under

the chairmanship of Chief of Medical Services at SMC Dr Nabeel Al Asheeri, per the Civil Service Law. A doctor was suspended from working at SMC until the completion of the investigation," Dr Al Ansari confirmed.

The statement promises strict action against the culprit without any restraint.

"Legal measures are awaiting whoever found guilty by the investigation committee," the ministry official said.

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Health Regulatory Authority (NHRA), under the direct supervision of the Supreme Council of Health.

Dr Al-Ansari affirmed that the priority remains to provide top-notch services to the visitors of SMC and all government hospitals and maintaining the health and safety of everyone.

"It is not possible to be lenient or hesitant in taking actions against those who fail to perform the tasks entrusted with them, per the approved medical procedures and standards."

The report reads," One of the babies was dead when they were brought to the hospital, and the other died at the neonatal intensive care unit, a few hours later."

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The top cop also confirmed that they seized from them narcotic substance valued at around 3,650 dinars.

Police officers acting on a tip-off made the arrest.

The tip-off said that some men were selling drugs in the Kingdom, prompting authorities to open an investigation and the identification and arrest of the suspects.

The Director-General also announced taking necessary legal measures.

The case is now with the public prosecution.