

Suspected arsenic jab being probed

Doctor under investigation after patient develops complications.

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Dubai: A doctor in Saudi Arabia is being probed for allegedly injecting a patient with arsenic, a substance considered poison, according to Okaz, an Arabic daily.

The patient suffered later from swelling of the face and was admitted to intensive care.

Majid Al Jahni, 42, was admitted to a private hospital one month ago for a simple dental surgery, but was injected by his doctor with a large quantity of a blue substance, later identified as arsenic. This led to complications and rashes.

The patient's wife, told Okaz that Majid didn't know he was being injected with arsenic, and that the complications started the second day after the operation, he suffered from a rising temperature, swelling of the face, jaw and inflammation in different parts of his body. She added that she took him to different private and public hospitals, which were unable to make an accurate diagnosis, so she took him to King Fahd Hospital, where a specialist ordered an urgent operation.

The operation to flush out the arsenic from his face through holes on his face and throat area lasted four hours.

A source from the health ministry was quoted in Okaz as saying that an investigation is under way and the doctor's passport has been seized.

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