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Razih Hospital,
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SOCIAL AND FAMILY PRESSURE COULD LEAD TO A TRAGEDY



Khashra, who is 39 years old, is a mother of three daughters. She suffers from high blood pressure and diabetes. As a result of her condition, the fatigue and hardship that Khashra suffers from throughout her pregnancy, she decided not to get pregnant again. However, due to the social pressure that was on her

because she did not have a male child. In addition, Khashra's husband threatened her to marry another woman, forcing her to get pregnant for the fourth time in spite of her health critical condition. **"I was anxious and afraid and I prayed desperately to God to provide me with a male child"** Khashra said bitterly.



Khashra used to follow up her pregnancies in Razih hospital as the doctor advised her to follow up her condition more frequently due to her medical status to avoid any complications. She was followed up, the necessary tests were done for her, and the needed treatments and medications were given to her during the normal pregnancy period. She delivered her baby at the end of the ninth month, and she did not go into any complications. It is worth mentioning that the obstetric emergency of Razih Hospital provides various maternal, newborn and RH services (Antenatal care, postnatal care, family planning and normal delivery with a support from UNFPA through YFCA as an implementing partner. The intervention includes monthly incentives for health workers, medicines, medical supplies and operational cost. The services aim to take more effective measures to address maternal and infant mortality. Khashra and her children were discharged from the hospital and their condition was stable and in good health.

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God has blessed me with male twins after three females. I appreciate Razih's hospital caring and its staff for the support they provided me with, their precise diagnosis, and help to save my life

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Khashra said gratefully.

The society and Khashra's husband extreme pressure prove that they are still not aware of her health condition, and that because of their pressuring Khashra was put in high risk!



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Despite the suffering I went throughout my pregnancy, the presence of Dr. Sawsan and the qualified staff at Razih Hospital prevented any complications. They followed up my case until delivery. Thank you, and I hope that every woman has access to high quality care services near her residential area

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Khashra mentioned.