

Ondo landlord's son nabbed over tenant wife's death

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The Ondo State Police Command has arrested a 27-year-old man, Kazeem Awe, for allegedly killing a nursing mother, Motunrayo Adeleye, during a dispute over house rent in Ore, headquarters of Odigbo Local Government Area of the state.

The incident, which occurred in the early hours of February 26, 2026, at the Daystar area of Ore-Alaba, has thrown the community into mourning.

In a statement issued on Monday, the state Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Abayomi Jimoh, said the suspect allegedly attacked three tenants, inflicting multiple stab wounds on them.

“The Ondo State Police Command has arrested a 27-year-old suspect, Kazeem Awe, in connection with a suspected murder incident that occurred in the early hours of February 26, 2026, at Daystar Area, Ore-Alaba, Ore.

“The suspect allegedly attacked three of his tenants, inflicting multiple stab wounds on them. The victims were rushed to the General Hospital, Ore, where one of them, identified as Adeleye Motunrayo, was confirmed dead by medical personnel. The other two victims are currently receiving treatment.

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“Police operatives promptly visited the scene, recovered a blood-stained cutlass suspected to have been used in the attack, and took the suspect into custody,” the statement read.

A source in the community alleged that the violence stemmed from a lingering disagreement over house rent between the suspect and the deceased’s husband, Mathew Adeleye.

According to the source, the dispute had lasted for weeks before it escalated on the day of the incident. The landlord’s son was said to have stormed the couple’s apartment armed with a knife and a cutlass, attacking the deceased and her husband.

The police stated that investigations are ongoing to determine the full circumstances surrounding the incident, while the suspect remains in custody.