

# Abomination:

## Pastor's wife stabs husband to death

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WHEN Mr. Samuel Tanko Ibrahim, 47, tied the nuptial knot with his heartthrob, Eunice Samuel, 27, in Duduguru, Jenkwe development area of Nasarawa state, there was nothing in the air to indicate that the blissful marriage ceremony would end on a tragic note few years later.

Everything about the marriage looked perfect. And even if there was sign of crack of any kind, the couple would have probably dismissed it with a wave of the hand.

Mr. Tanko Ibrahim who was a pastor with the Group of Believers' Church started his pastoral duties at Akaleku, a village located about 20km away from Lafia, before the marriage was consummated. This again, lent credence that the marriage was already blessed by God.

According to our investigation, the marriage was blessed with a baby-boy few months later, which brought the number of the man's children to 10 having had nine

from his other two wives.

But after about three years, what sounded like a blissful ceremony turned into a nightmarish experience for the couple as both of them found themselves continually lurked in trouble, fighting and quarrelling.

Our correspondent reports that their last quarrel, which almost scuttled the marriage, was amicably resolved two months ago with the help of elders and relations of the couple.

The three-year-old relationship however turned tragic Saturday, October 4, 2008 when the sleepy town of Duduguru in Jenkwe development area was jolted by the tragic news that Eunice had hacked to death her husband on the suspicion that he was having a secret love affair with another woman, also identified as Mrs. Eucharua.

The incident, which attracted the curiosity of villagers, sent shock waves through the city of Lafia as

the news reverberated, first through the grapevine.

Our correspondent in Lafia, the Nasarawa state capital reports that crisis started when one Mallam Usman Sabo, a friend to the deceased, informed the suspect (wife of the deceased) that her husband had rented an apartment for his secret wife, Eucharua, at Tudun Kauri, and offered to take her to the spot where the two of them were believed to be having illicit sex.

Our investigation revealed that on reaching the spot, Mallam Sabo, who is now being held by the police, pointed to the house and hid himself a few metres from the spot to await the outcome of the encounter.

However, the outcome turned out to be a grueling experience, something the suspect never probably bargained for. Saturday Champion learnt that the wife of the deceased, after approaching the house, started first by calling her husband on phone, threatening fire and

brimstone.

Confused and dumbfounded, her husband rushed out to meet her at the gate and within a twinkle of an eye, he was found lying in a pool of his own blood as the woman drew a long knife and stabbed him in the chest.

Our investigation further revealed that he died on the spot.

But another version of the story has it that the husband was not in the house where he rented for his secret lover, but on reaching the house, Eunice called her husband and threatened to kill the secret wife if he did not show up. It was further learnt that when the husband appeared, she drew out the knife, hacking him to death.

Which ever version is correct, the issue is that a homicide has been committed. The state commissioner of police, Shehu Babalola, while briefing newsmen in his office on the issue, said "both Eunice Samuel and Mallam Sabo have been arrested and charged for homicide," and the knife used in committing the crime, has also been recovered from the suspect (wife of the deceased), whom he said will soon appear in court.

But the question most people had continued to ask since the incident occurred last Saturday is: What actually prompted Eunice's action, to the extent of hacking the family's bread-winner to death? Was her action premeditated or spontaneous?

These and many more questions will form the fulcrum of police investigation, which, according to the commissioner of police, has since commenced.

However, those who spoke to Saturday Champion concerning the ugly development, condemned Eunice, whom they described as a 'devilish woman'.

According to them, "Dishonesty in marriage is common amongst couples, Eunice's action is most condemnable and should not be supported by any right thinking person."

## Kaduna Airport to close for repairs

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THE Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) and the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) have revealed plans to shut down the Kaduna Airport for emergency repairs for ten days from Monday October 13 to Wednesday October 22, 2008.

The repair, according to the Managing Director of FAAN, Mr. Richard Aisuebeogun, in Lagos yesterday, will be reopened for flight operations on Thursday October 23, 2008. Mr. Aisuebeogun disclosed that the contractor for the project, Messrs PW Nigeria Limited, has already mobilised its resources to carry out the repair and is ahead of its timetable of the work.

The Managing Director said the repair work would

the milling of the damaged and undulating parts of the runway and the laying of the asphalt. He appealed to the travelling public, including the people and government of Kaduna State, to bear with the aviation authorities during the period.

Mr. Aisuebeogun had earlier explained that, the repairs on the nation's airports, which were in phases, is aimed at ensuring the safety and security of flight operation. FAAN recently carried out similar emergency repair on the runway of Benin Airport and the runway of the Akanu Ibiam Airport, Enugu.

Meanwhile, Media Assistant to Chancery Airlines, Ibrahim Adnanu said due to the closure and with effect from Tuesday October 14, 2008, Kaduna's passengers would depart

from the Nigeria Air Force Base, Kaduna while FAAN continued the repair work.

The airlines stated that the departure time for Lagos-Kaduna flight had been scheduled for 3pm effective from Monday, October 13, while normal flight schedule will resume October 23, 2008 when the rehabilitation on the runway would have been completed. He further said that the airline was on top of issues and would cooperate with the airport authority to carry out necessary maintenance of the facilities because it would aid them in serving the public.

**CHANCE GUY**  
I, former lawman and addressed as Obinna Egbogha, do hereby wish to be known as a witness to Jeffrey Obinna Egbogha. Former chairman of the public, take note.