

Woman dies after secret land deal

A young woman, Mrs. Sadiat Lawal, has died mysteriously in Ibadan following a secret land deal with a male confidant. Her corpse was later found deposited on a bridge in Kuola area of Apata, Abeokuta Road, Ibadan, after frantic search.

While Oyo State Police Command is yet to unravel the mysteries surrounding the sudden death of the woman, her remains were buried in the Oyo State capital yesterday.

It was reliably gathered that the deceased, a resident of Dogo area, also in Apata, had allegedly left her matrimonial home around 7pm last Saturday to honour an ap-

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pointment with a welder, said to be her male confidant of several years.

Investigations revealed that the old male friend (names withheld), was secretly negotiating a parcel of land for Sadiat Lawal to be bought, and that was her last outing.

Meanwhile, the welder, said to be a close confidant of Sadiat Lawal till her last end, is currently being detained at the Divisional Police Station, Apata as further investigations continue into the mysterious death of the woman.

But for a young child of

Sadiat Lawal, 11-year-old Jumoke, who is a Junior Secondary Student of Queens School, Apata and the second born of the deceased, no clue would have been got into the circumstances surrounding the death of her mother. It was young Jumoke who was said to be around at home with her mother when she received the call of invitation from which she never returned.

Sources revealed that Jumoke, who after waiting for several hours without the return of her mother on Saturday evening, raised an alarm by reporting to her grandparents.

The husband of the deceased, Mr. Tajudeen Lawal,

a Police Sergeant serving in Adigbe Police Station in Abeokuta, Ogun State told newsmen just before the burial of his wife of 18 years yesterday that he was called on Sunday afternoon after frantic search for her failed.

Armed with a photograph of the deceased, the bereaved husband explained that he went to the hospital where he found that the said corpse was that of the mother of his three children, two males and one female.

When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer [PPRO] for the Oyo State Command, ASP Olabisi Okunwobi could not confirm the story on the ground that she was yet to be fully briefed.