

Woman hacks husband to death, reports self to police

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What would prompt a wife to matchete her husband to death? This is the question turning in the minds of the police and people of Usi-Ekiti, in Ido-Osi local government area of Ekiti State.

It was June 12, 2012 when residents of Ekiti State were busy celebrating the 19th anniversary of the late Chief MKO Abiola, who was believed to have won the June 12, 1993 presidential election, in far away Usi Ekiti, Mrs Rafat Agboola, was contemplating taking the life of her husband, Akeem.

Sources told our *Sunday Trust* that on this fateful day, Rafat, said to be between 25 and 30 years old, allegedly carried out the dastardly act in the night in her husband's room when he was fast asleep. Unlike other criminally-minded people, she headed straight for the police station in the town with the cutlass and reported herself and was detained.

When our correspondent visited the couple's house marked 13, Aiyetoro Usi road last Friday, the compound was deserted and only a few neighbours were ready to comment on the incident, under condition of anonymity.

The couple, according to one of the neighbours come to the area a year ago. Akeem, said to be in his thirties, was a Physics teacher at Eda Oniyo Community Grammar School before his crude murder.

It was further gathered that the duo had just returned late from an outing and retired to their rooms.

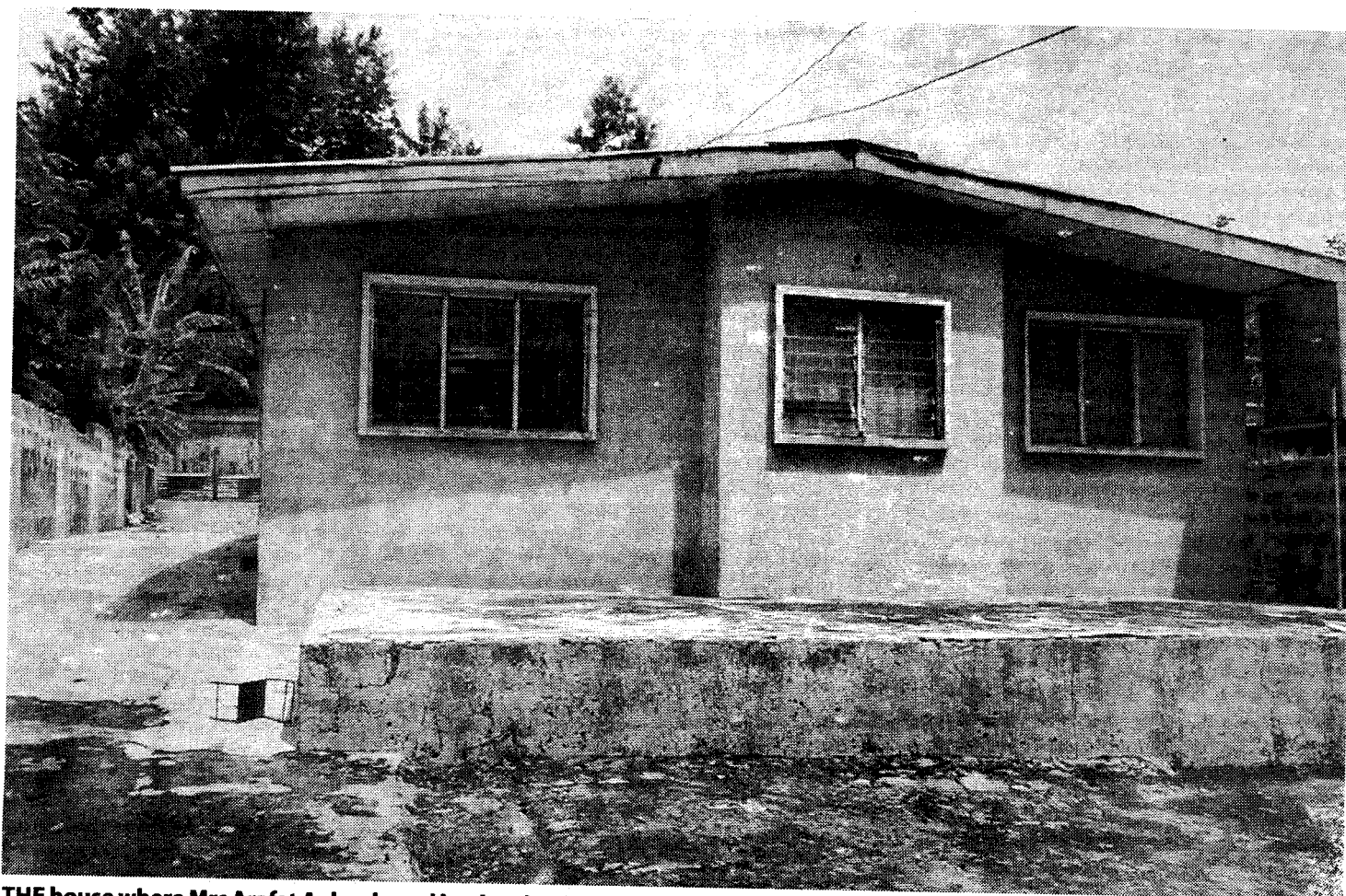
Another source added that the husband usually took his wife to a federal government institution where she worked as a teacher. But no one could say why she took the life of her husband.

While confirming the incident, the Police Public Relations Officer, Ekiti command, Mr Victor Babayemi, who said the couple married in 2009, also revealed that Rafat had confessed to killing her husband.

He added, "She confessed to have macheted her husband while sleeping in his room that night, after they both returned from a church where Rafat was receiving treatment for psychiatric ailment. He said she reported the crime to the police the following day, June 13.

Rafat is presently being detained at the Criminal Investigation Department of the State Police headquarters in Ado Ekiti.

A peep into the husband's room through the louvers revealed thick blood smears on the bed, floor, walls and asbestos of the room where the act was



THE house where Mrs Arafat Agboola and her late husband were living in before the tragedy



ROOM of the murdered teacher, Mr Akeem Agboola with his blood flowing on the floor

carried out.

The PPRO said preliminary investigations conducted by the police revealed that the woman had been mentally unstable since they got married, adding that the Police would also carry out medical checks on the woman to ascertain the level of her mental

state.

The police spokesman added that the reclusive nature of the suspect and the irrational way she was behaving further confirmed her psychiatric problem.

He added, "The preliminary investigations conducted by the CID, where she is being detained

revealed that the woman has mental problem. She confessed that she has been receiving medical care for mental problem in some hospitals and churches courtesy of her late husband since they married."

A male neighbour in the area confirmed to newsmen that

Rafat hardly talked to people in the neighbourhood and that the couple appeared to have deep love for each other.

Similarly at her place of work, her colleagues described the suspect as a very hardworking and gentle person.