

son beheaded'

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beheaded last Monday with his headless body dumped in an uncompleted building in Shabu, Lafia LGA in Nasarawa State, has called on security operatives to arrest the perpetrators and bring them to justice.

'I'll never forget day I found my

Mr John Onah, 39-year-old father of a five-year-old boy

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Mr John Onah

Daily Trust: What do you have to say over the killing of your son Meshach Onah?

Mr John Onah: I have nothing to say than to thank God because it's only God that understands everything. My greatest relief after this calamity is the number of people that showed love and concern over what happened to my family. Hundreds of people in Churches and Mosques are praying for the soul of my son in and around Nasarawa and beyond. The number of people that visited my house to share our agony gave us a great sense of relief.

DT: When was the last time you saw your late child?

Onah: Meshach left the house early in the morning on that faithful Monday with his junior brother to defecate at about 7am and that was the last time I saw him. He was five years old and I named him after my father.

DT: Don't you have a toilet in your house?

Onah: No, we don't have a toilet in the house. We usually defecate either at the riverside, a close-by refuse dump or the bush close to the area. Meshach and his brother always visit the refuse side to defecate and that faithful day they went together but his brother came back alone and when we asked of Meshach, he pointed towards the refuse dump.

When we realized he was not there, I went in search of him because I had a kind of unusual feeling that has never happened to me before. I decided to look for him before going to work.

I went to my sister's house close by and asked whether Meshach was there and she said he didn't come to the house that morning. I rushed to Angwan Beriberi and met one of my neighbours who advised me to report the matter to the ward head (Maianguwa). I was told that he had gone to the farm when I got to his house to report.

On my way back home, I saw a crowd at an uncompleted building and then my wife called me on phone to tell me that my son had been beheaded.

For now, I don't suspect anybody and even if I suspect someone, I did not catch him red handed killing my son. I've left everything to God.

DT: What do you wish to tell the government concerning this matter?

Onah: My appeal is for government and security operatives to arrest the perpetrators of this devilish act and bring them to justice.

On her part, mother of the beheaded child, Grace Onah, amid tears said, "The only thing I can say is that only God can fight for the soul of my child."

The Nasarawa State Police Command confirmed the beheading of the five-year-old boy by unknown assailants.

Spokesperson of the police command, DSP Kennedy Idirisu, said the police had begun investigation into the case and appealed to members of the public with relevant information that can lead to the arrest of the culprits to contact the police. He also called on parents and guardians to properly watch over their children and wards to complement police effort in preventing such crimes in future.