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## Five children found dead in father's car in Ado-Ekiti

*From Ifedayo Sayo, Ado-Ekiti*

**T**RAGEDY struck last weekend at the Ureje Quarters in Ado Ekiti, the Ekiti State capital when five children of the same parents were found dead in the booth of their father's Mercedes Benz 190 car parked in front of their house.

The deceased children whose ages ranged between five and 11 according to their father, Mutiu Nureni, were locked up in the booth of the car by yet-to-be identified assailant.

Mutiu, a 35-year old butcher, who sells Cow meat at Okebola Area of Ado-Ekiti, told reporters yesterday that his six children were locked up in the booth of his car by a visitor who came calling when he and his two wives were not at home.

He explained that by the time help came the way of the six children, only one of them, Rashidat was alive. Mutiu said he travelled on a business trip to Jebba in Kwara State on the said day only to received a phone call about 9:00 p:m informing him of the incident.

He said, his two wives, Mulikat and Oja, who bore him 4 children each had gone to town for their businesses. He said his senior wife, Mulikat who returned early could not locate the children.

According to him, he cut short his business trip to return home only to meet neighbours searching for the children.

He claimed to have heard some strange noise from his car packed outside his three-bedroom apartment, which made him to open the car only to find the kids.

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He gave the names of the deceased kids as Simbiat; Delilat; Kafiyat; Kadjat and Sefiyat. Mutiu said it took about 20 minutes for his neighbours to get the bodies of the children out of the booth of the car.

Mutiu said the only survivor, Rashidat, was quickly rushed to the Ado Ekiti Teaching Hospital for medical attention and the other five were deposited in the mortuary after being certified dead by doctors.

Rashidat, who regained consciousness after medical attention, according to Mutiu, later told her father that two men came to the house shortly after their father left the house in the afternoon.

When they learnt from the kids that their father was not at home, the two men forcefully locked the six kids in the booth of the car.

Mutiu denied any shady business with anybody that could have warranted such action against his children.

His father, Pa Okulola Nurein, who corroborated the account, said his son had been easy-going all his life, calling on the security agents to fish out the perpetrators of the dastardly act.

Rasidat, according to his father was under police protection to forestall further attack by the unknown assailants.

The Divisional Police Officer (DPO) in charge of Odo Ado Police Station, Mr. Charles Nwabuoku, who confirmed the incident. had revealed that the case had been transferred to Ekiti State Police Headquarters for further investigation.

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