

Inmate slumps, dies in Kirikiri Prison

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An accused standing trial at the Ebute-Metta Magistrate Court, Kabiru Adeyemi, has reportedly slumped and died at the Ikoyi prison in Lagos. The accused sudden and mysterious death was announced in court by the prosecutor, Inspector Chinalu Nwadike, during the resumed hearing of the case of fraud involving the deceased, his wife, Fumilayo Akinboju, one Jay Jay, and others over allegations that they defrauded more than 400 house seekers of over N20 million they collected as rents for two apartments in the Coker, Aguda and Iponri areas of the state.

Inspector Nwadike told the court that “there is a death report of Kabiru Akorede Adeyemi from the Nigerian Prison Service dated April 10, 2018, that the defendant died in prison last week Sunday. The warder gave me the information. I think that they brought a document to that effect”.

Counsel to the plaintiffs, Ene Sarah Unobe, asked the court for leave on the case as she stated that “series of lies have been told before now, so we do not believe that he is dead. Therefore, we ask for further investigation and we demand to see his body so that we can be convinced of his purported death”.

The magistrate, Mrs. Ipaye-Nwachukwu granted the leave. She said: “I am of the view that a coroner’s inquest be conducted to look into the purported death of Kabiru



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Akorede Adeyemi. Two of the nominal complainants and the Counsel Watching Brief be allowed to view the body of Kabiru Akorede Adeyemi. His body is not allowed to be released for burial pending the conclusion of the coroner's inquest”.

Efforts to get the reaction of the spokesperson, Nigeria Prisons Service, Lagos command, Mr. Biyi Jeje, were not possible as his phone number was switched off. Meanwhile, Onicha Olona in Aniocha North Local Government Area of Delta State may not recover quickly from the trauma caused them by the death of their 47-year-old son, Sunday Ojei Onwueze, who was butchered in his farmland by Fulani herdsmen in a most bizarre manner.



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The father of five, according to eyewitnesses, was in his farmland when some herdsmen who went berserk came chasing him and other persons away. According to the younger sister of the deceased, Debby Onwueze, the news of her brother's death came to her as a rude shock.

“He woke up that fateful morning of April 18, did his morning devotion and set out to the farm with his wife, on his normal routine. While at the farm, his wife felt ill and like the loving husband he was, he asked the wife to go home while he continued with the farm work at about 2:00p.m.

“Eyewitnesses in the farm narrated that while they were at the farm, Fulani herdsmen came chasing them with machetes. They ran for their lives but heard Mr. Ojei saying I don't know, I am not aware as he was rounded up by some of the herdsmen. The eyewitness quickly ran to the village to report and mobilize people, but by the time help came, he had already been butchered like a cow by them”.

A graduate of Federal Polytechnic, Oko, he was until his death an elder and a Sunday school teacher at Church of God Mission, Umuolo branch, Onicha Olona. “He was a hard working, reliable and trustworthy man who lived an exemplary life. We ask the Nigeria police and the Federal Government to help bring to book all the perpetrators of the heinous crime.”
