Meanwhile, a middle-aged woman who sells charcoal along Amusu-Igboro Street, Ijanikin, simply identified as Mama Yusuf, was on Tuesday morning murdered in her room and parlour self-contained apartment at Vespa bus-stop, Mile 2-Badagry expressway, Lagos State.

The deceased was allegedly killed by a yet to be identified assailant who lured her into her apartment where she was killed. Eyewitnesses said the lifeless body of the lady was discovered by her children about five hours after she had been killed.

It was learnt that the deceased had a telephone call while she was seeing her children off to school at about 7:00 a.m. prompting her to return home. It was also gathered that her killer lured her into her bedroom, where she was strangled before she was stabbed to death.

Nobody has been arrested in connection with the crime but it was learnt that policemen in the area have started a manhunt for the assailant who escaped through the back window after bolting the entrance door from inside.

"From all indications, it appeared that her killer is a well-known person to her. Nobody heard her screaming while the attack was on. The body has since been deposited at the morgue pending the outcome of the investigation," a neighbour who does not wish to be named, said.

The mother of four, it was gathered, lost her husband last year and she has been living alone with her children. The Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Bala Elkana, however, said he had not been briefed on the issue by the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) in charge of the area.