

Woman demands N100m compensation for son's death at Abia panel

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MOTHER of a victim of police brutality, yesterday, demanded N100m compensation at the Abia State Panel of Inquiry for the killing of her son, Onyekachi Ohalete Ugwuero in police custody in 2018.

This followed as Chairman of the panel, Justice Sunday Imo (rtd.), reaffirmed its resolve to dispense justice on all the petitions before it.

Speaking during the panel's resumed sitting in Umuahia after the Christmas and New Year adjournment, he said the panel is a fact-finding one.

The Guardian learnt that no fewer than 85 petitions were currently before the panel including that of the late Onyekachi, who died in the Uzuakoli police cell in 2018.

In her petition, Mrs. Ugwuero told the panel that her late son, who was arrested on December 6, 2018 died in detention, adding that when she took food to his detained son on December 8, 2018, she was told that the key to the Cell in which he was detained was not available.