



Missing woman found with head, vital parts severed

• Police vow to unravel killing

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THE ~~Enugu~~ Police Command said yesterday it would put in required efforts to unravel circumstances behind the missing and killing of a soya milk seller in Mkpologwu, Enugu East Local Government Area of the state.

Confusion had enveloped the New Haven Extension in Mkpologwu on Wednesday as the missing woman was found dead with head and vital parts allegedly removed.

It was gathered that the woman, whose name was not immediately known was popularly called 'Asa,' she sold soya milk and got missing when she went to the farm to fetch grass for her goats.

Sources stated that when she did not return, a search party was declared in the neighbourhood.

"Neighbours started searching for her everywhere and in the nearby farms, where she normally goes to get grass for her goats but wasn't found.

"So, the family continued the search the following day and at the end of the day, she was not found. I think the family also reported the matter to the police.

"Unfortunately, after five days, her decomposing body was found at nearby airport

flyover, her head and vital body parts were removed," the source said.

A visit to the New Haven Extension, where the woman was said to be living, showed that her house was under lock and key.

A neighbour, who gave her name as Mrs Elizabeth Oka, said her family had taken her remains to their home town for burial.

She said: "This incident happened on Saturday at Airport Flyover and the family immediately took her home because it was already decomposing. So, the family members have not come back."

Speaking on the development, the South-East Coordinator, Civil Liberties Organisation (CLO), Mr. Kindness Jonah, called on the police to carry out thorough investigation to find out those behind the killing.

He said: "How can somebody go to her farm and get missing and the next thing was that her dead body was found somewhere with some parts of her body missing?

"We are calling on both the Enugu State Government and police authorities to fish out those behind the act."

When contacted, the state Police Public Relations Officer, Daniel Ndukwe, said the police were already investigating the incident.