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**Daily Independent (Lagos)****Nigeria: Pregnant Woman Kills Another in Benin**

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Benin — There was pandemonium at No 4, Third Victory Lane, Benin City, the Edo State capital, on Thursday night, after a 33-year-old pregnant woman named Ifeoma Nwachukwu was stabbed to death by her neighbour simply identified as Mama Chinonye, who, incidentally, is also pregnant.

Mama Chinonye was said to have attacked the deceased in her (Ifeoma) kitchen with a new kitchen knife she (Mama Chinonye) purchased the previous day (Wednesday).

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Saturday Independent gathered that the tragic incident occurred between 7:30 p.m. and 8 p.m., after a minor quarrel between the two women, who lived in the same house and whose kitchens are adjacent to each other.

The deceased, who was a fashion designer, and specialised in sewing door and window blinds, was said to have been rushed to two different private hospitals, but was rejected because of excessive bleeding.

Reports has it that she was later taken to the University of Benin Teaching Hospital (UBTH), where the doctors informed her family that the knife used to stab her penetrated into her heart, leading to heavy internal bleeding, which has in turn, made her chances of survival very slim.

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She reportedly gave up the ghost around 2 a.m. on Friday.



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Husband of the deceased, Sunday Nwachukwu, who informed that he is a businessman, said he had been married to his wife for 12 years, and that their union was blessed with three children.

Weeping uncontrollably, Nwachukwu said his late wife never informed him about any quarrel with her assailant.

According to him, his late wife was attacked right in front of their 11-year-old daughter, who was with her mother in the kitchen while the tragic scenario played out.

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According to him, "I was in my shop when my daughter used my wife's mobile phone to call me to inform me that Mama Chinonye had stabbed my wife to death. Before I arrived, however, she had been rushed to the hospital. I only saw a very big pool of blood on the floor of our kitchen.

"On our way to another hospital, I was asked my wife what happened, and she faintly told me that the woman came to meet her inside the kitchen and plunged the knife into her chest. I have been

living in this house for the past 12 years and this woman just came in eight

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months ago and killed my wife", he lamented.

He disclosed that when the enormity of her action dawned on her, Mama Chinonye attempted to run away .

According to him, Mama Chinonye's husband also tried to run away with their two kids, but was prevented by neighbours.

"The woman was caught at the motor-park trying to escape. I was told she killed another person in Imo State some years ago. Her husband even hid the knife she used to kill my wife," he said.

The landlord of the house where the incident took place, Robinson Enogieru, informed Saturday Independent that he never had any cause to settle any quarrel between the two women before now.

The corpse of the woman has since been deposited at the UBTH mortuary.

Edo State Police spokesman, ASP Peter Ogboi, while confirming the incident stated that a case of one woman killing another was reported and that the suspect has since been arrested.

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