

Man in police net over ex-lover's death

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THE POLICE in Lagos State have arrested a young man, Uche Badmus, for allegedly strangling his estranged lover and mother of one, Edith Nwokolo.

The incident happened on Thursday night at 94, Mushin Road, Isolo.

No reason has been established for the action, but the suspect, whose address is yet to be ascertained and the father of the deceased's only son Dubem, was arrested along with his brother who is a medical doctor by detectives from Okota Police Division, Isolo, Lagos.

According to the deceased's un-

cle, Emmanuel Adukpe, Nwokolo, the suspect called him on phone at about 1am to inform him that there was a little quarrel between him and the deceased that night and that in the process, she collapsed leading to her death.

Adukpe told *Saturday Independent**** that his cousin, Nwokolo, a hair dresser and Badmus parted ways shortly after she became pregnant for their son as Badmus denied responsibility for the pregnancy.

According to him, when his cousin was pregnant, she told him that Badmus gave her N10, 000 to abort the pregnancy but that his cousin objected to that prompting Badmus to deny her.

He said he was surprised to

hear that after about five years of separation, Badmus has again started to visit her in the house she rented.

He said he strongly suspected that Badmus strangled their sister and he noticed some marks on the neck of the deceased sister who was foaming with blood dripping when she was being deposited at the morgue of the Isolo General Hospital on Friday.

Meanwhile, the police have visited the scene of the crime.

"I was not happy when I learnt that Badmus had started visiting our sister after he abandoned her for years. Their son is now four-year-old. They were not legally married and he did not make any move to do that. We want

justice for the killer of our sister," Adukpe said.

Meanwhile, when *Saturday Independent* visited Isolo Police Station, scores of the family members of Nwokolo were seen weeping for their sister and calling for justice.

When *Saturday Independent* visited the scene of the crime, a pair of shoes belonging to the suspect was seen on the floor. Also, on the floor was the deceased's pant.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Joseph Jaiyeoba, confirmed the incident, he said the matter is still under investigation, adding that it will be transferred to the homicide section of the State Criminal Investigation Department, Panti Street, Yaba.

Fuel scarcity hits Benue

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ACUTE FUEL scarcity has once again hit Makurdi the Benue State capital paralysing socio-economic activities for about a week now.

Investigation by *Saturday Independent*, revealed that a liter of the commodity, which is usually sold at the government approved price of N95 in filling stations across the state now goes for as high as two hundred in some of the filling stations, while illegal traders in the commodity otherwise referred to as black marketers sell theirs as high as between N250 and N300 per liter depending on the location and time, one needs their services.

Findings disclose further that while the commodity can hardly