

# Woman dies in Ekiti after row with co-trader

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**POLICE** in Ekiti State have commenced investigations into the death of a market woman in Ado-Ekiti who reportedly slumped and died after a row with a colleague.

The deceased, Mrs Bosede Ajayi, 56, reportedly died few minutes after she had an issue with her colleague, Mrs Raheem Aminat over who controls a space in the market.

The disputed space was said to be at the vantage position for sales

The incident occurred at the popular Bisi Market in the state capital, where the two petty traders were said to have engaged each other in serious war of words over who owns a particular space in the market.

An eyewitness revealed to newsmen that the two women had engaged in war of words for about 30 minutes over where to display their wares in the market that used to hold every five days, which was said to have been settled by other traders.

The Police Public Relations Officer of the Ekiti State Command, Mr Victor Babayemi, who confirmed the incident, said it was a case of homicide, but hinted that the altercation according to an eyewitness, Mr Marcus Adedayo, did not degenerate into

exchange of fisticuffs.

Babayemi said the 40-year-old Aminat has been arrested and detained at the Okesa Police Station in Ado Ekiti.

Babayemi explained that preliminary investigations have confirmed that the matter was settled between the duo and Mrs. Ajayi had started displaying her wares before she slumped and died.

He said the woman was immediately rushed to the Comprehensive Health Centre in Okeyinmi area of Ado Ekiti, where efforts to save his life failed.

The Police spokesman added that medical experts had confirmed that the victim had died, which he said prompted his men to immediately arrest the suspect.

The PPRO said, "Yes, I can confirm to you that the suspect is in our custody at Okesa Police Station. The woman struggled with another person on where they should display their wares and shortly, the she fell and fainted.

"The victim's body had been deposited at the morgue in Ekiti State University Teaching Hospital in Ado Ekiti while investigations are ongoing on what led to her death", Babayemi said.

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