

# Mother killed 48 hours to daughter's wedding

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THE family of Pa Micheal Itota, of Joe Amedu Street, off Upper Mission road Benin City, Edo State was put into agony last week when his wife, Mrs. Itota was allegedly murdered by an angry neighbour 48 hours to her daughter's wedding.

Reports had it that the late woman who was said to be putting finishing touches to the wedding arrangement of her daughter was killed by a retired soldier.

It was learnt that quarrel broke out between two families living in opposite building which allegedly led to a fight and in the process the woman died after she was said to have been severely beaten by some suspected military personnel brought in by the retired soldier.

Pa Micheal Itota, who was still in shock, described the incident as a tragedy considering the fact that his daughter's marriage was just two days away when

his wife was killed in a brawl.

"I got a phone call that my wife was killed as a result of the beating she received and I never believed this could ever happen to me and I want the law enforcement agents to wade into the matter for justice not to be swept under the carpet", he said.

A family member to the deceased who pleaded anonymity accused their neighbour, a retired soldier of invading their house with his colleagues in arm to murder their mother in a cold blood.

It was also gathered that the retired soldier had prior to the incident boasted that he will deal with the woman because of the way she carries herself as if she is the only one with a daughter abroad.

Edo Police image maker, Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) Moses Eguavoen, when contacted said the command has stepped up investigations to unravel the circumstance that led to the death of the woman.

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