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Relations Of Man Accused Of Killing Ex-Wife Reject Traditional Oath-Taking

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The family of a man in an Abia community, Clinton Onyekachi Amaechi, accused of killing his ex-wife and using her for rituals in Abia State has dissociated their son of any complicity in the death of his ex-wife, Mary Basil Udo.

Amaechi's family, which hails from Alayi in Bende LGA of Abia State, has therefore, rejected the demand of by Mary's family that Clinton should embark on the traditional oath taking of drinking the water from her corpse to prove his innocence.

They (Clinton's relations) accused the family of Mary of using that as a ploy to poison their son.

Mr Clinton Onyekachi Amaechi, who traveled abroad after divorcing Mary Basil Udo, his ex-wife over unresolved marital issues, was accused by Mary's sister, Mrs Uche Basil Udo, of masterminding the death of his ex-wife.

Mary's lifeless body was found on March 13, 2018 on Owerri-Aba Ex-

pressway in Aba, having been murdered by unknown persons.

Investigation by our reporter showed that one of the deceased relations, Mrs Uche Basil Udo, had insisted that Clinton "must undertake the traditional oath-taking of drinking of corpse water whenever he comes back as the tradition demands to exonerate him from the allegation".

But in a swift rejection of the suggestion, Clinton's mother, 68-year-old, Mrs Gladys Amaechi, and her daughter, Florence Josiah, insisted that Clinton would not swear to any oath, as he was not responsible for the death of his former wife.

According to them, Clinton had long separated from Mary before traveling abroad, "where he's happily married".

Giving reason why she and her daughter rejected the oath taking, Clinton's mother who hails from Alayi, in Bende Local Government Area of Abia State said, "As good Christians, the Amaechi family doesn't believe in revenge of any sort.

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Igwe at the free medical outre

RAYMOND OZOJI

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About 20,000 persons in Awka-South constituency 1 have benefitted from a free medical mission organised by a philanthropist, Mr. Vincent Emeka Igwe, whose passion is to emancipate the poor and the downtrodden in society from abject penury and squalor.

The free medical outreach, which comprised blood-sugar testing, eye test, dental check, bones and joint check as well as general medicine were administered free of charge to patients, who thronged Umuokpu Community Secondary School, Awka where the grand finale of the five-day medical exercise was held at the weekend.