

MURDER: Woman Killed 48hrs To Daughter's Wedding

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A week that was supposed to end on a joyful note for the family of Pa Micheal Itota, of Joe Amedu Street, off Upper Mission in Benin City, Edo State, last week turned sour, when a middle-aged woman was allegedly murdered by an angry neighbour.

The incident occurred two days to the wedding day of one of the deceased's daughters.

LEADERSHIP gathered that a quarrel broke out between the woman who was putting finishing touches to preparations for her daughter's wedding and a neighbour, which allegedly led to the gruesome murder of the woman.

A witness said following the quarrel, the neighbour contacted some persons suspected to be military personnel who invaded the area and beat the woman to death.

The deceased's husband who was still in shock when LEADERSHIP visited their residence yesterday, said, "I got a phone call that my wife had died as a result of the beating she received. I didn't believe it until I saw her body. I want the government to and security agencies to investigate this matter and bring my wife's killers to book."

A family member of the deceased said the neighbour, a retired military personnel had invited soldiers to the house who beat and killed the woman.

"The retired soldier prior to the incident had threatened to deal with (mama) saying she carries herself as if she is the only one with a daughter abroad," the source added.

Confirming the development, spokesman of the state police command, DSP Moses Eguavoen, said the command had stepped up investigations to unravel the circumstances that led to the death of the woman.