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g infamous ones noted above like
n the shocking story in April of
e a pregnant woman, Chinyere
s Sylvia Akaleme, who died after
e she was allegedly brutally beaten
by her husband, Obinna Akaleme
on the day she was due to give
birth. She was an employee
of Wini Group, an Ikeja based
corporation.

According to reports, she met
an married Obinna Akaleme in
2012. A farmer/ chef/ kitchen
assistant and thus began her
journey to an untimely death in
the hands of the man she loved
so much and catered for. She
died on March 29, 2017 and was
committed to mother earth at
the Ikoyi Cemetery on July 19,
2017. The only clue about what
happened to her during her over
five years of marriage was the
account of the neighbours who
narrated how on a particular
night, her husband had so
beat her up she ran to their

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Victims of domestic violence may be trapped in domestically violent situations through isolation, power and control, cultural acceptance, lack of financial resources, fear, shame, or the need to protect children

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landlord's house for safety. The beatings accounted for the series of miscarriages she had before her last pregnancy which was full term. Her parents got worried that their daughter had about four miscarriages in less than four years decided to take her home with them when she took-in after her eight month old miscarriage. She lived peacefully with her parents and her pregnancy advanced with her in good health and high spirits anticipating the birth of her child. Unfortunately for her, on her due date, Obinna, her husband came to pick her up from her father's house at 10 am to the hospital and as the dutiful wife she was, she obeyed and went with him. According to the doctor, the mother and the baby were confirmed healthy on arrival and doctor asked her to go get her bag in preparation for delivery that evening. Obinna took Chinyere to their matrimonial home. Sadly for Chinyere, they got into an argument over money so he beat her up so bad and left her unconscious in the house. He left the house and switched off his phone and her phone so no one could reach them. He left her in the house and every attempt to reach them was futile. He later returned and took her to the hospital when he discovered she was dying at about 4.30pm and did not deem it fit to contact her parents or siblings, he did this so that he does not run the risk of her coming out of coma and telling her family her ordeal at his hands again. The hospital where she died is less than a hundred metres from her parent's house.

Obinna eventually came to her parents house at 8.30pm to tell them she had passed on. Further findings from her siblings and the doctor's confirmation revealed that Chinyere was brought to the hospital lifeless. The doctor decided to do a cesarean session

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