

FOR Nguavese, members of her family and friends, January 22 was a bad day.

The 26-year-old girl had gone to bed on that fateful day without any premonition of her death. Unknown to her, the killers were somewhere through the day, watching her before striking at the dead of the night.

An eye witness narrated that Nguavese rushed out of the house with blood gushing out of her body as a result of severe cuts inflicted on her by the murderers and fell in front of a neighbour's house, Mr. Ameger.

"She could not not even stand. She fell down bleeding seriously before she could be taken to the hospital, she died. The only thing she could manage to say was that two men broke into her house pointing at the direction they ran to," said the witness.

Many of the people in the neighbourhood were marvelled at the incident.

They said the victim was a quiet

Girl 26, hacked to death

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girl with no past record of violence.

According to them, she was a humble girl, well known in the neighbourhood.

However, investigations by *The Nation* revealed that the deceased had no dependable source of livelihood.

Her elder brother Mr. Lorhemen regretted the death of his sister, but prayed to God to grant her eternal rest.

He confirmed that his late sister had no source of livelihood, as she was a secondary school dropout.

"She did not complete secondary education. She stopped in JSS3. But she was not a trouble maker.

"I am surprised that she had to

die this way. I don't know who could have killed her. It is a sad incident," he said.

Meanwhile, the Tiv community in Damaturu where she hailed from is leaving no stone unturned to help the police unravel the mystery behind her death.

The Secretary of the community in Damaturu Mr. Donald Bojov told *The Nation* that the community is ready to cooperate with the police in investigating the case wherever they are needed.

In a similar vein, the police in Damaturu have promised to track down the culprits. The state police spoke person Bulama Hussaini, an Assistant Superintendent of Police stated this in a telephone chat with *The Nation*.

Her body has been taken to Vandeikya in Benue State for burial.