



• Bosede Adaja

What killed this woman?

This is the question that is agitating the mind of the family of Mrs Bosede Adaja who died after allegedly taking a bite of kolanut, our correspondent in Ado Ekiti, Odunayo Ogunmola reports.

RESIDENTS of Dallimore Street in Ado-Ekiti, the Ekiti State capital are mourning the death of one of the women leaders of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Ado Local Government Area, Mrs Bosede Olori Adaja who was said to have died after taking a bite from a kolanut.

Adaja who was said to belong to the political camp of the PDP House of Representative candidate for Ekiti Central I Federal Constituency, Mrs Fatimat Raji Rasaki arrived from a party meeting on Tuesday, February 27 at the local government area's party secretariat and hosted one of her friends shortly on arrival.

The late woman politician, who was about 50 years of age, according to family sources, was formerly a nurse in one of the government hospitals before opting out for full-time politics. She entertained her guest with a bottle of beer and both women

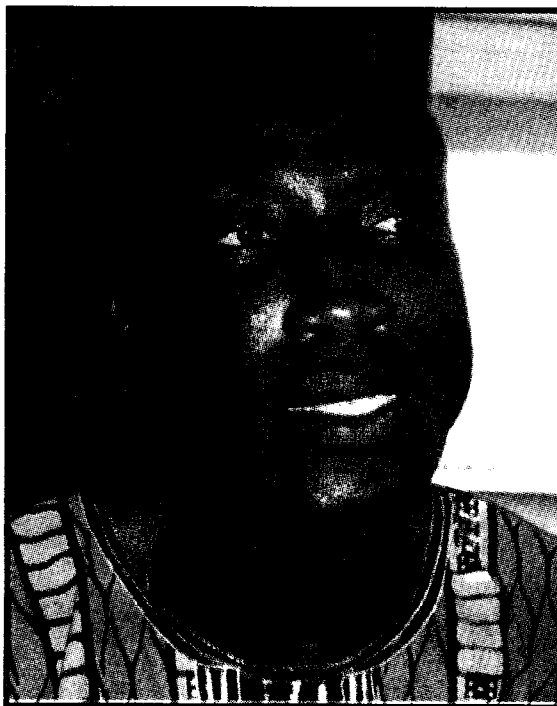
were chatting over the bottle of beer, reminiscing on the meeting previously held with their political associates.

Adaja, according to family sources, brought out a kolanut which was given to her by a friend at the meeting, taking a bite from the kolanut, she also offered her host, whose name was not given to *The Nation* by the family sources but the guest reportedly declined the offer to eat the kolanut.

Shortly after taking the kolanut, Adaja was said to have started feeling queasy and dizzy and immediately rushed to the bathroom for a shower, believing that a douse of cold water would relieve her.

But Mrs Adaja's condition deteriorated as she started foaming from the mouth and gasping for breath.

Some neighbours came to her assistance since no family member was around. But this did not help as she died shortly



• Tope Falade, a family member

after.

Her remains was taken to the State Specialist Hospital in Ado-Ekiti after which members of her family were sent for to come and identify the body at the hospital.

The late politician's sister-in-law who refused to give her name said Mrs Adaja was living with her husband opposite the First Baptist Church in Okeyinmi area of Ado-Ekiti but the husband who is said to be a Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) relocated elsewhere because the woman refused to quit politics as demanded by her husband.



• Mrs Rasaki

The husband is now serving at Obada-Ogbese in Ise/Orun Local Government Area of the state. According to her sister-in-law, Mrs Adaja had no child from her marriage to her estranged husband but had children from her earlier marriage.

Another twist was added to the controversy as another family member who was too bereaved to give his name said Mrs Adaja had a disagreement with a fellow party member who is a woman but this was yet to be confirmed at press time.

The House of Reps candidate, Mrs Rasaki stated that from what she knew of Mrs Adaja, she was a hypertensive patient but urged family members and party loyalists to wait for the result of post-mortem examination before jumping to conclusion on the cause of the death of the politician.

Ironically, the bottle of beer was still on the table inside the parlour when *The Nation* visited the deceased's residence.

The Ekiti State Police Command has launched an investigation into the matter.

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