

Tenant stabs landlady to death in Oyo

THE ancient city of Oyo, Oyo State, was thrown into mourning recently when a tenant, Mr. Sunday Elegbede, stabbed his landlady, Mrs. Afusat Ajeigbe, to death with broken bottle.

The Nation gathered that the incident happened at Araromi area of the city, when the tenant accused the deceased landlady of being responsible for his wife's decision to pack out of their matrimonial home.

He was also said to have alleged that the irrational behaviour of his wife, which often resulted in frequent disputes was due to the friendship between her and his wife.

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Sunday was said to be embittered that since his wife left him, the landlady neither bothered about her whereabouts nor cared for an amicable resolution.

On the fateful day, the landlady was said to be asleep in her room when the tenant entered his room unnoticed and insisted that she should explain the whereabouts of his runaway wife.

All explanations by the middle-aged landlady that she knew nothing about his wife's whereabouts fell on deaf ears.

The tenant, who felt displeased, went for kerosene, poured it on the curtains and lit it with fire. Apparently dissatisfied that the house was not burnt, the dare-devil tenant decided to burn the foam on which his landlady slept.

Sensing danger, the landlady, said to be a woman leader of the People Democratic Party (PDP), rushed towards the tenant to prevent him from injuring her. But the aggrieved tenant reportedly pushed away the landlady, fetched a broken bottle and stabbed her in the abdomen.

While she writhed in a pool of blood, Elegbede fetched a sharp knife and also stabbed himself in the stomach, after which she told unsuspecting neighbours that it was armed robbers that attacked them.

The landlady died a few minutes later.

The tenant later went to his grandfather at Apaara soaked with blood, where he gave a similar false account

The grandfather was said to have disbelieved him and reported the matter to the police at Durbar, while the tenant was taken to a private hospital for treatment by some sympathisers. *The Nation*, however, gathered that police had beefed up security around the tenant on his hospital bed.

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ted to the opposition ought to be higher.

"It is evident that the PDP is wary of the opposition and Tambuwal is playing the script."

A member of the PDP in the House, however, said: "Tambuwal is coming from a difficult position because the party's zoning formula has been altered.

"With the alteration, Tam-

buwal has to constitute the committees in such a way that it will be in line with zoning balance.

"There is no basis for complaints by the opposition because its members were able to clinch committees like Public Accounts, Communications and Federal Character; Emergency and Disaster management; Army; Information and Communication Technology (ICT); Poverty Alleviation; Internal Security; Security and Intelligence and MDG, among others.