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'How my husband's friend killed him'

SHE is crying for Justice over the death of her husband, Kamilu Yusuf.

Yusuf was said to have been killed by his friend Abimbola Alonge.

Yesterday, the widow, Mrs. Iyabo Yusuf, urged the police to ensure that justice is done.

Operatives at the Ogun State Police Command at Eleweran in Abeokuta, the Ogun State capital, are investigating the case.

Sympathisers broke down in tears when she recounted her agony at her late husband's family house at Akiyode in Ogba, a Lagos suburb, yesterday.

She said: "On June 11 at about 10am at Giwa, Oke-Aro in Agbado area of Ogun State, my husband's friend, Abimbola Alonge, called my husband to come and meet him in his house at 1, Abu Babalola Street, Ifatado bus stop, Adiyin in Agbado. Later, I called about 10 am to find out why he had not come back since it was getting late. His phone set was switched off. He did not

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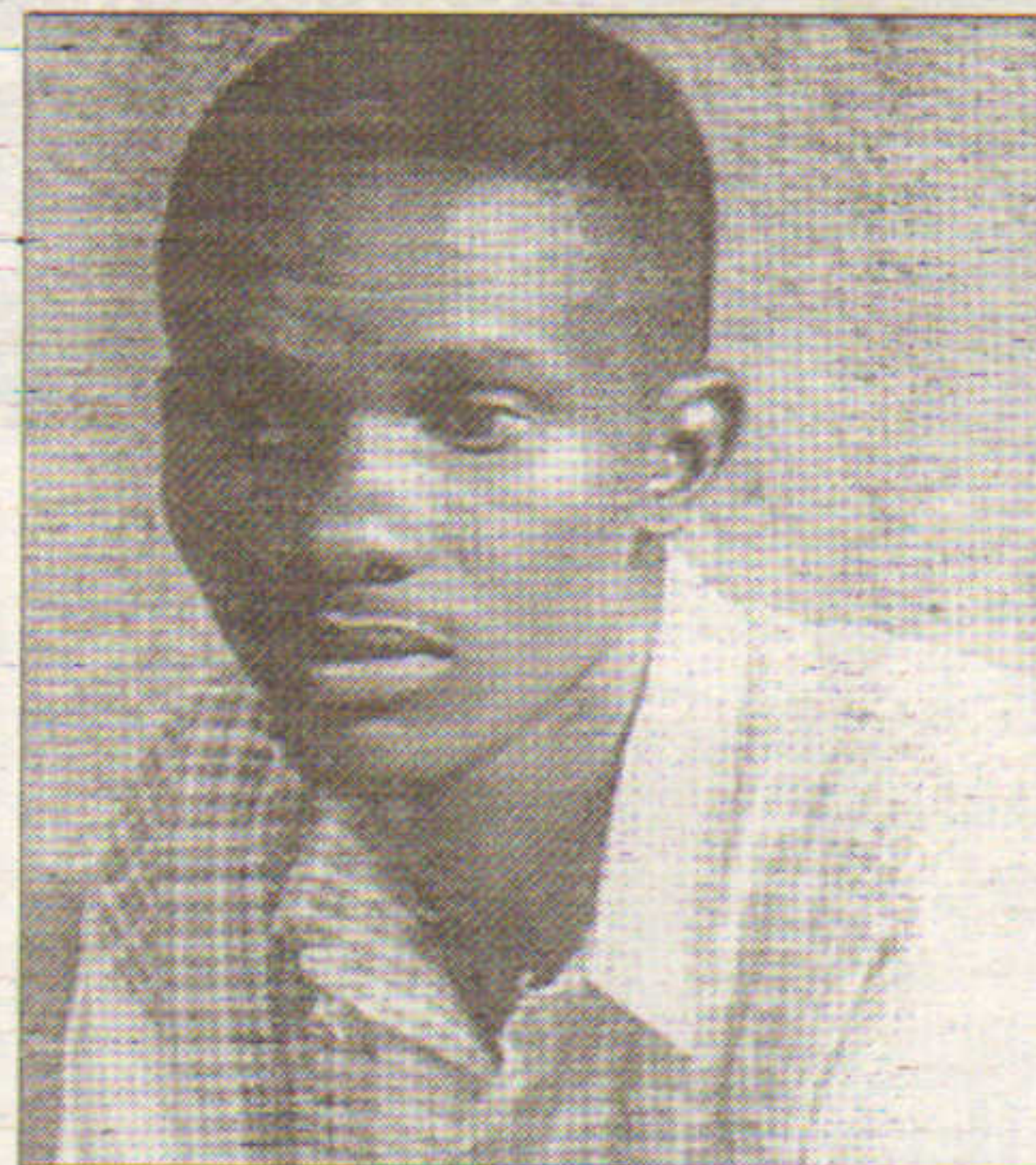
come home that day.

"The following day, some people called to inform me that they saw my husband lying unconscious at Giwa Junction. When I got there, I saw my husband lying on the ground with his left eye missing. I cried; I saw a police patrol team around. I begged them to help me take

him to the General Hospital in Ikeja for treatment. There, two persons came to see my husband and I asked them who sent them to come and they said they were sent by one Oluomo Ajuwon. I did not believe them. I told them that it was my husband's friend that asked them to come and see if he was dead. I went inside the ward to see my husband. When I later came out, they had disappeared.

"My husband's friend and his wife later came to the hospital with one policeman and two women. I asked him why he came with a policeman when I have not accused him. On June 13, he came around 7am again with his wife and two women. As I went in to see my husband, three of the people he came with had already entered the car they came with. I told my husband's friend that my husband's younger brother would soon join us. He escaped, leaving his wife with me."

Mrs Yusuf said she reported the case at the Area F Police



• The late Yusuf



• Alonge

Command in Ikeja, following which the suspect's wife was picked up.

"After two hours, my husband's friend appeared from nowhere and told policemen that he went to buy drugs, but there was nothing as such on him. One hour later, policemen from Ayinla Police Station came to arrest him. They took him to his house and church and recovered charms and other items like calabash, small coffin and his torn singlet. Strange enough, he is said to be a pastor/prophet," the widow said.

Alonge was reportedly detained for five days before he was transferred to Eleweran for further investigation.

Before his transfer to Eleweran, she saw him at the police station neatly dressed and receiving very special treatment.

She said on June 18, the remains of her husband were buried, adding that their children have since been staying with her husband's younger brother.

"I appeal to the governors of Lagos and Ogun states to help me ensure that this mur-

der investigation is not swept under the carpet and see that justice is done, she said.

The Ogun Police spokesperson, Muiyiwa Adejobi, a Deputy Superintendent (DSP), confirmed that the suspect is in custody.

He said the late Yusuf was found injured at a spot not far from his house and was taken to the hospital but later died.

Adejobi said Alonge is being interrogated by detectives at the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID), adding that nothing had been found to indict him.

'Juveniles' on death-row regain freedom

THE Court of Appeal in Lagos yesterday freed two "robbery" suspects, Sopuruchi Obed and Otobong Edet, after years on the death-row. Obed spent 10 years on the death-row and

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group, the Legal Defence and Assistance Project (LEDAP), to file an appeal on their behalf in 2011.

The appellate court unani-

inquiry into the appellants' ages.

Under the law, persons below 17 have diminished criminal responsibility and those under 18 must be treated as children and only tried at

