



Woman killed over inheritance

ROTIMI Fambegbe looked dispirited when *The Nation* visited him. He shook his head and said, "What pained me most was that my late wife was childless. We were all consoling her telling her to trust in God that God can still do it as He did it for the Biblical Hannah and Sarah. She was not fighting over property as she was contended and comfortable. I never knew the suspects could deal this fatal blow on her."

The property in dispute was said to belong to the deceased's late grandmother. The argument over who should be in charge of the property led to the gruesome murder of Olayemi. According to Rotimi, his late wife Mrs. Olayemi was a former staff of the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC). He claimed she was a gentle woman who could not hurt a fly but since she had no child of hers she was being taunted, jeered at by her cousin and called male duck because of her childlessness while living in her grandmother's house. Rotimi further said the property is a one-storey building of about eight rooms which is located at 10, Alo Street in Ondo Town. He stated that the building was bequeathed to his late wife and her cousin, Mrs Akinkuade) whose daughter, Damola Banner lives with the same house.

Rotimi said he was aware that there was no love lost between his late wife and her cousin over who should control the eight rooms in the building.

In his own words, "My late wife was the older sister and always complained that her cousin was not cooperating with her over the building they inherited from their grandmother. The suspects, Foluke and her daughter (Damola) always taunted my late wife, calling her names and saying she is a barren woman that did not deserve to have property since she was childless. But each time I went there I

Mr. Rotimi Fambegbe, 57, an estate agent is grieving over the death of his wife, Olayemi Fambegbe, 53, who was allegedly brutally killed by her first cousin, Mrs. Foluke Orobola Akinkuade (Adefenisaye) and her daughter, Miss Damola Banner, over a property in Ondo Town. Taiwo Abiodun reports.



Damola

always told them that my wife decided to stay in the controversial building because that was her decision and it was not that I wanted it like that. But the suspects (Foluke and Damola) always made jest of her. And my late wife always warned them to stop. I had gone there several times to settle rifts. It was like the suspect was arrogant as she worked in the Ondo West Local government Area office. She became bossy to the tenants of the house while my late wife would always tell her



Foluke

to be humble and emulate Christ's humility."

Rotimi spoke further, "My wife was said to have been allegedly stabbed with broken bottles by Foluke while her daughter, Damola, was said to have stabbed her with knife in the stomach. Her neck was wounded along with her two legs. But when the suspected assailants saw that the deceased had slumped and was bleeding, they quickly rushed her to a local clinic where she was said to

have given up the ghost on arrival. She was, therefore, rejected and referred to a general hospital. Instead of taking the deceased to the general hospital, the suspects brought her back home and dropped her. The two suspects fled and went into hiding. It was one Baba Ibeji whose wife was a tenant there that went to report at the police station. The case was reported at Enuowa Police station, Ondo, while the case was later transferred to the homicide department, Police Headquarters in Akure. The two suspects have since disappeared and are now declared wanted by the police." According to Rotimi, the corpse was deposited at the State Specialist Hospital mortuary for three months after a post-mortem had been carried out. "The body was released to me later for burial, while she was buried early this month", he said in tears.

Rotimi went down memory lane and narrated how he met his late wife in 1988 and got married to her. In his words: "When we met in 1988, we were both advanced in age, we courted briefly and quickly got married in 1990. She gave birth in the year 2000 but the baby died at the age of two after a brief illness in 2002. We tried to have another child but none was forthcoming. We went to hospitals, made several efforts to make sure she had a child of her own but all these did not yield anything. Later I went to marry another lady that gave me children, which annoyed her and made her to pack out from our matrimonial home and went to be living in her grandmother's house at 10, Alo Street, Ondo. We did not separate. We were still husband and wife. I used to see her every day. She used to prepare my food everyday. Though I later had children from another lady but that did not stop our relationship. We used to see every day until that fateful Sunday in March when she was killed".

The house in dispute
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