



Tragedy as Ekiti tipper driver allegedly kills wife

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Tragedy struck penultimate Friday in Ado Ekiti, the Ekiti State capital after a tipper driver, Azeez Ismaila, beat his wife, Odunayo, to death.

The incident occurred at the residence of the couple at Oke Ureje area along Polytechnic Road, Ado Ekiti.

The couple hails from Ado Ekiti.

It was learnt that Ismaila attempted to secretly bury the body of his 27-year-old wife in the night in an attempt to cover up his track.

The Nation gathered that the suspect who was said to be in his 30s was arrested by men of the Odo - Ado Police Division.

The deceased had three children for her husband and her last born is said to be six- month- old.

The suspect was alleged to have subjected his late wife to constant beating for giving him only female children

He was said have descended on the deceased a few hours after having his dinner.

Odunayo was said to have prepared pounded yam for her husband and rice for herself before the family went to bed.

She was said to have lost the money Ismaila gave to her to prepare food for the household after which she went back to collect another sum.

Neighbours of the couple, who were said to be used to hearing the screams of the deceased anytime her husband beats her up, said they heard her screamed few minutes to midnight.

Ismaila was said to have brought Odunayo's corpse to his father's house at Oke Bola area of Ado Ekiti where he allegedly dug a grave to bury her without the knowledge of her family.

Father of the deceased, Ojo Ajewole, who spoke with The Nation at his residence in Ado Ekiti said Ismaila's attempt to secretly bury his wife shocked him and other members of the family.

He explained that his daughter was never sick adding that she reportedly foamed from her mouth while blood gushed out of her ears.

Ajewole said: "We insisted that her body should be taken to the mortuary, when we got wind that he wanted to secretly bury her corpse. He claimed that she took ill but I queried why I was never informed when she was laid up as they want me to believe. Nobody will believe his story because of the scars on my daughter's body.

"We want justice and the Police must get to the root of this matter, there should be no cover up at all".

The accused was charged to an Ado Magistrate's Court on Wednesday for murder.

The presiding magistrate, Idowu Aiyenimo, however ordered the accused be remanded in prison custody pending legal advice from the office of the Directorate of Public Prosecutions.





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