

room that they heard the explosion and people started running. It was Mama that used her hand to break her window so that they can all come out from there.

They started treating them and they were responding. Mama even told the doctor on duty what she saw and explained everything to him. But later in the day, she passed on

planned a celebration for her and she even called my cousin around 12am on Saturday telling her of the dress code and her new dance step.

something is not right. Let whoever was responsible for the fire and deaths of my mother, my sister, brother and Kazeem pay for it. We want justice."

Artisan 'stabs' banker to death over N1,000 fee

By Precious Igbonwelundu

A MAN identified as Godwin has been accused of stabbing his neighbour to death over N1,000.

Godwin, a phone repairer at Abule Egba, was alleged to have stabbed 31-year-old Bankole Olubode, a Wema Bank employee, for refusing to give him N1,000.

Trouble was said to have started after the deceased gave a BlackBerry Bold Five mobile phone to the suspect for repairs.

It was gathered that the suspect who usually came to Bankole's house to eat, demanded N1,000 for the repairs.

Instead of the N1,000, Bankole was said to have given Godwin N500 on Sunday and told him that the other N500 with him was his transport fare to his place of work at Apapa on Monday.

It was gathered that Godwin was served dinner and he left only to return on Monday night to demand for N1,000.

When he got to Bankole's house, his sister was said to have told him that her brother

just returned from work and was refreshing, which irked Godwin.

A fight was said to have ensued between the duo, prompting Bankole to come out of the house to broker peace.

But as he drew closer, Godwin was said to have stabbed him on the neck and he fell.

According to Madam Abeni Olokun, Bankole's scream attracted the attention of other neighbours who ran to the scene and rushed him to a private hospital.

She said: "The hospital rejected him and he was taken to General Hospital where he died. Because he was a Muslim, his sister wanted his body for immediate burial and the police told us to go and get an affidavit from court.

"But the annoying thing in the whole matter was that the IPO (Investigating Police Officer) Titus instead of arresting the suspect, turned and asked for money for vehicle to take the suspect to the station.



•Godwin

"He was told that the deceased was the breadwinner of the family and that their mother was late. His sister does not have



•The late Olubode

money but he didn't want to hear anything. It seems they are trying to rubbish the case and it is not fair."