

# Baby dies as parents fight in Ondo

**P**OLICE in Ondo State have arrested a couple whose two weeks old baby died while they were fighting over domestic issues.

Witnesses said the baby was strapped to the mother's back during the fight.

The couple, Ekene Ijokun aged 40 and Rose Ijokun aged 32 who lived at Eleyowo community in Akure North Local Government area were said to be frequently at loggerheads.

They explained to police interrogators how their baby died.

Witnesses at the scene could not however state what the fighting parents used to hit the baby.

A witness who claimed to be a sister to the wife said Ekene always beat his wife even during pregnancy.

From Osagie Otabor, Akure

She said, "The baby was strapped to the back of Rose when her husband, Ekene, started a verbal attack on her before it resulted in a physical combat.

"I didn't see it as anything as they usually have such fight and make amends after. But this time, it was the other way round as the disagreement degenerated into a physical combat which eventually claimed the life of the innocent baby.

"The baby was hale and hearty before the incident. I removed the baby from her back and placed him on the bed. That was when I realised the baby was lifeless."

The baby was said to be declared dead on arrival at a health centre in the community.