

Nonagenarian watches as assailants slaughter daughter in Ondo



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• Says 'they rejected my plea to kill me instead'



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A 70-year-old trader, Alhaja Kadijat Olamilekan Falekulo, has been killed in [Ondo State](#) in the presence of her helpless 97 years old mother.

Alhaja Kadijat Falekulo was killed at her residence in Sabo area of Ondo town.

The assailants were said to have used a cutlass to slit her throat despite repeated pleas by the deceased's mother.

It was gathered that the assailants had said they wanted to buy foodstuffs but instead attacked and killed the woman.

Mother of the deceased woman, who did not state her name, said she begged the assailants to kill her in place of her daughter but they refused.

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She said they ransacked the deceased's room, made away with her jewellery and set the place ablaze.

"I saw the people when they came, and I begged them to kill me and let my daughter go, but they insisted that it was Alhaja they wanted to kill. They cut off her neck and set her room ablaze."

Another witness, Mrs. Gladys Fasominu, said she was called to help carry the late Alhaja to the hospital.

Fasominu said: "We can't explain how she was killed, because after killing her, they went into the room with petrol and set it on fire.

"It was the smoke that woke other people in the house up."

The spokesman of Ondo State Police Command, Funmilayo Odunlami-Omisanya, confirmed the incident, saying a suspect had been arrested.

She said investigation into the incident had commenced.