

Woman murdered in Ogun



• **Husband, community demand justice**

A 35-year-old woman, Olubukonla Adebajo, has been murdered in the Iwesi area of Ijari, Ijebu Ode, **Ogun State**.

Sources alleged that the victim went to buy food items and was attacked by gunmen in the early hours of Saturday.

The victim's husband, Mr. Olaoluwa Adebajo, said he got a distress call from neighbours about the incident but upon arriving at the scene, he found his wife in the pool of her blood.

He said: "One of my neighbours called me and informed me of an urgent life-and-death issue. I tried calling my wife, but someone else answered; it was the woman she had gone to buy something from. She told me to come quickly because my wife was on the ground. When I arrived on our street, I found my wife dead on the ground with the police already at the scene. They were waiting for me to identify the body before they could take her to the mortuary."

Adebajo lamented that he was heartbroken about his wife's tragic death. "I would be glad if the culprit is found as soon as possible because my wife must not die in vain," he said.

The deceased is survived by a four-year-old child.

One of his neighbours, Pastor Fidelis Elekwachi expressed his displeasure over the killing, noting previous incidents of armed robbery, burglary, assault, and sometimes even murder in the area.

"Before this incident, on Thursday, we experienced a burglary at a barber shop in the area where clippers, generators, and other things were stolen," Elekwachi said, adding: "The day before the burglary, there was an armed robbery at a shop where phones and other valuable items were taken at gunpoint."

Elekwachi urged the state Police to tighten security in the area as such incidents are becoming commonplace and endangering residents' lives.

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The Ogun State Police Public Relations Officer, SP Omolola Odutola, confirmed the incident. She stated how the police responded to a distress call from the victim's neighbor.

According to SP Odutola, the victim was attacked with a machete by an unknown assailant who fled when pursued. Law enforcement dispatched officers to the scene, where they gathered evidence and took photographs.

She confirmed that the victim, Oluwabusola, was rushed to Ijebu Ode General Hospital for urgent medical attention but was pronounced dead upon arrival.

SP Odutola assured the public of a thorough investigation, stating that every effort would be made to apprehend the perpetrator.