

## Meat Seller, Husband Killed at Okitipupa

A meat seller and her husband were last week gruesomely murdered in their bedroom at Okitipupa by unknown assailants believed to be meat sellers.

Niger Delta STANDARD gathered that the duo had quarreled with other members of the Butchers and Meat Sellers Association.

The quarrel, it was further revealed, sparked off following the deceased's intention to run her business in isolation from others who are mostly non-indigenes of Okitipupa town as herself.

It was then gathered that before her death, the woman had erected her stall at a safe end, opposite Ikoya Street Okitipupa; but following the insistence of others to exert control over their colleague, they took the laws into their hands and besieged her home at the dead of night.

Although it was not immediately established what led to the murder of the couple in their home it was however gathered that the woman who was simply identified as Bose was gruesomely murdered while her husband received several machete cuts and gun wounds before he died at the Okitipupa Specialist Hospital moments later.

Already, the police have made some arrests, with several other meat sellers fleeing the zone for fear of being arrested by the police.

Speaking on the incident, the DPO Okitipupa Division, Superintendent of Police, Mr. Adekino Ojo, said he has ordered the immediate arrest of all the butchers and meat dealers in the town, hence their decision to flee.

It was gathered that the husband died in the hands of the police DPO, who had rushed him to the Specialist Hospital Okitipupa, but could not make it due to excessive bleeding.