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# Parents beat son to death for complaining of hunger

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THE police in Lagos State have confirmed two separate cases in which two boys were allegedly beaten to death by their parents.

Onyedikachi Mbanozo, 12, was allegedly beaten to death by his father and mother for complaining of hunger.

It was learnt that Mr Paul Obiefule and his wife, allegedly beat the youngster to death at their home at 22, Omitola Street, Agege, Lagos at about 2.30 p.m. on the eve of Children's Day celebration.

Lagos State police command's spokesperson, Ngozi Braide, confirmed the development, adding that investigation was ongoing and the parent, Obiefule and his wife were already in police custody, undergoing interrogation.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that one of the couple's neighbours, Mr Mukaila Maliki, alleged that the boy had, in the past, been beaten to a state of coma and had to be hospitalised for a month.

According to an eyewitness, on May 26, when Onyedikachi was beaten to death, Obiefule was alleged to have taken him to hospital for treatment after the boy fainted, due to excessive beatings from the father. He later claimed that the boy was being treated at an undisclosed hospital.

However, the next morning suspicious neighbours, who were not satisfied about the answers given them on the whereabouts of the little boy, confronted Obiefule's wife and alerted the police.

When the police got to the home of the Obiefules, the corpse of Onyedikachi was allegedly discovered under the bed.

The policemen arrested the couple and took them and the corpse to the station.

In another incident, Mr Bright, beat his son to death with an iron belt for allegedly stealing N1, 000.

The incident happened at 6, Olarenwaju Street, Oregun, Ikeja, Lagos, on Monday.

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This is a grievous offense and a clear cut case of child abuse and neglect. The parents of this boy including Mr Bright should be carefully evaluated psychologically to know their state of mental health. The police should please do a thorough job on this and the related case where Mr Bright killed her son with an iron rod and ensure that they face the full weight of the law.

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