

Wife stabbed to death over 18 years of childless marriage

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A 42-year-old woman, Folasade, was late on Wednesday, allegedly killed by her husband in Ishaka area of Sango Ota in Ogun State.

The deceased woman and her husband, a commercial bus driver, had just returned from the police station when the husband allegedly stabbed her to death.

Metro gathered that the killing was allegedly as a result of the woman's inability to conceive and give birth to a child after about 18 years of marriage.

Tears flowed freely as residents of Ijako stormed Transformer area of Ijako to catch a glimpse of the battered body of the woman, popularly called "Iya Ayo" in the area.

A younger sister to the deceased, one Kemi, while speaking with **Metro**, said that the police at Sango Police station had planned to arrest the husband on Thursday.

She narrated that "my sister and her husband started the relationship about 18 years ago when both of them were still young."

"Then my sister got pregnant, but the man insisted on abortion since they were both not ready for marriage. She had no choice than to abort the pregnancy.

"After that, she could not conceive again, which made the man to impregnate another woman. My sister even allowed the man to bring the son of the other woman into the house. She was taking care of the boy. That was why people called her Iya Ayo."

Kemi added that "the man had three other children but was still coming to sleep in my sister's house because he was getting money from her."

Metro further gathered that trouble started some months back when the deceased stopped giving money to her husband.

"The house in which both of them were staying was built by my sister and we all knew how the man used

to collect money from her.

"Immediately my sister stopped giving him money, he would beat her at every slightest argument. We reported the case at the human rights desk at Sango police station about a month ago."

It was learnt that trouble started again on Wednesday when the deceased reportedly discovered that her pants were missing, prompting her return to the police station to report her husband.

Kemi said: "On Wednesday we were at the human rights desk again and the police persuaded both of them to sheathe their swords and live like husband and wife.

"My sister returned home from the police station to discover that someone had poured acid on her clothes and I advised her to go back to the police station, which she complied with" the younger sister to the deceased woman said.

She continued that "the policemen called her husband to come back to the station but she lied to them that he was not around, so the police told her to go

home, with the promise that they would come on Thursday to arrest him."

"My sister was sleeping at home when her husband sneaked in and stabbed her in the neck, breasts and other parts of the body with a knife and a file," Kemi alleged.

Metro gathered that the husband initially ran away from the house but was arrested on Thursday when he reportedly attempted to kill himself with insecticide.

The remains of the deceased woman had been deposited at the Ifo General Hospital mortuary.

When contacted, the Ogun State Police Public Relations Officer, Abimbola Oyeyemi confirmed the story, saying that the suspect had been arrested and taken into custody.

The PPRO added that state Commissioner of Police, Il-yasu Ahmed had directed the Divisional Police Officer in Charge of Sango Division, SP Akinsola Ogunwale to transfer the case to the Homicide section of the State Criminal Intelligence and Investigation Department (SCIID) for further investigation.

Police intercept suspected armed kidnappers on way to operation

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THE Intelligence Response Team (IRT) of the Inspector General of Police recorded a major breakthrough on Tuesday when it intercepted a suspected four-man gang of heavily armed kidnappers and recovered arms and ammunition from them.

Disclosing this in a press release issued and signed by him, the Force Public Relations Officer, Donald Awunah, a Deputy Commissioner of Police said that the suspects were intercepted on Azikiwe Road, Port Harcourt, Rivers State when the IRT team acted on credible intelligence report, in addition to the support of members of the public.

According to the Force PRO, the suspects were notorious for terrorising the waterways and kidnapping in Rivers and Bayelsa States.

Awunah stated further

that the suspects engaged the police in a gun duel, during which three of them were fatally shot while the fourth member, identified as James (surname withheld) (30), was arrested.

He said that James hailed from Southern Ijaw Local Government Area of Bayelsa State.

"The arrested member of the gang has since been co-operating with the police in their investigation by providing very valuable information on the membership of the gang and their mode of operation," the Force PRO added.

He said that the weapons recovered from the gang included a General Purpose Machine Gun (GPMG), an AK-47 rifle, chains of GPMG ammunition and two fully-loaded AK-47 magazines, stating that efforts were on to arrest other members of the gang and recover their cache of arms.