

# Man sets wife ablaze over money in Ondo

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**M**EN of the Ondo State Police Command have arrested a middle aged man, Ojo Daniyan, who allegedly set Dorcas, his wife, ablaze for refusing to hand over the proceeds of sale of a landed property to him.

According to a source, the incident occurred at Irese area of Akure, the Ondo State capital, after a minor misunderstanding ensued between the couple.

The source explained that the deceased had collected the sum of N900, 000 from the sales of a parcel of land, stating that fight broke out

between the duo when the woman insisted that she would not hand over the money to her husband because of his extravagance.

She said that the deceased had advised that the money should be used for a profitable venture against the decision of her husband to invest the money into his own business.

It was gathered that all entreaties that the money should be handed to the man were turned down by the deceased. Irked by the attitude of his wife, Daniyan, a welder, reportedly set her on fire while sleeping.

The source said that although the woman raised the alarm to attract help but attempts to rescue her failed.

She said: "It happened in the middle of the night and it was her cry that woke me up from sleep. It was a terrible thing.

"I saw her body badly burnt and she was calling for help while her husband took to his heels. The neighbours rushed her to a nearby hospital from where she was referred to the Federal Medical Centre (FMC) Owo.

"The woman eventually gave up the ghost while receiving treatment after few days at the hospital as a result of the burns. The incident was reported at the police station while detectives from the state police command swung into action. The suspect was later arrested."

Confirming the incident, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in the command. Mr Femi Joseph, said the suspect had been arrested.

Joseph explained that the incident was reported to the police by one Ajibade, saying that all circumstantial evidences confirmed that the suspect was involved in the act.

He said: "One of the children of the deceased said that her father bought petrol and ordered them to go out of the room. Some of the neighbours came to help the victim.

"The man had been apprehended and investigation has begun on the matter. The suspect will be charged to court after investigation."