

One of the buildings razed by fire at Martins Street, Balogun Market, Lagos Island, on Wednesday. PHOTO: SYLVESTER OKORUWA

Mother dies while separating her quarrelling children in Benue

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A woman has died while trying to separate her children who were about fighting each other in Makurdi, the Benue State capital.

Nigerian Tribune learnt that one of the woman's children, identified as Dominic, had threatened to stab his sister but in an attempt to intervene, the woman slumped and died.

The incident was said to have occurred on Tuesday around Modern Market area of the capital city.

A source told the *Nigerian Tribune* that Dominic, though intelligent, was a trouble maker who was always fomenting trouble with people in the neighborhood.

According to the source, who identified himself as Dan, Dominic was quarrelling with one of his sis-

ters in the presence of their mother when he suddenly went into the house, brought out a knife and threatened to stab his sister.

"However, the mother, who knew anything untoward could happen, quickly stood up to separate the siblings, but slumped and died on the spot.

It was learnt that Dominic, who learnt how to repair mobile phones, ekes a living by filling potholes

around the market area.

While speaking on the incident, spokesperson for the state police command, DSP Catherine Anene, said Dominic was already in police custody.

She said: "Information received is that the boy did not touch his mother. His usual troubles at home affected his mother and gave her a health condition that led to her death."

25-yr-old woman arrested with sack filled with Indian hemp