

# Lawyers with disabilities condemn killing of physically-challenged lady by lover in Kogi

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**T**HE Association of Lawyers with Disabilities in Nigeria (ALDIN) has expressed outrage over the murder of Aisha Aminu, a 30-year-old physically-challenged lady allegedly by her lover in Obehira, Okene Local Government Area of Kogi State.

A statement signed by the group's Director of Media and Publicity, Justice Christopher, reads: "ALDIN expresses its outrage at the

murder of Aisha Aminu, a physically-challenged woman and a mother of three, in the most inhumane and barbaric manner on June 7 at about 6:00 a.m. in her shop located in Obehira Okene Local Government Area of Kogi State."

"The widely reported news suggested that Aisha was allegedly attacked by her 44-year-old lover, identified as Siyaka Mohammed. The lover was said to have dragged her from her shop and allegedly stabbed her multiple times."

The National President of ALDIN, Ikem Uchegbulam, reacting to the report, also said: "We condemn in the strongest possible terms this vicious attack on a physically-challenged and vulnerable member of the society.

"Attacks on persons with disabilities and the vulnerable are reprehensible, condemnable and unacceptable under any circumstances..

"The association is deeply concerned about this heinous act as it is not only a

case of domestic violence as widely claimed and reported in some quarters, but also constitutes a pattern of disability hate crime which must as a matter of urgency be nipped in the bud."

While restating its commitment to pursuing the case to its logical conclusion and ensuring that justice is served, the group, therefore, called on security agencies to step up to their responsibilities of not just solving murders and other crimes, but also the prevention of these heinous crimes.