

Secondary school student stabs colleague to death in Ondo

Man kills friend over N2,000 debt

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A Senior Secondary School student of Akoko Anglican Grammar School, Arigidi, in Akoko North-West area of Ondo State, Habib Salau, was on Wednesday stabbed to death by a female student.

Salau was reportedly stabbed by the female student identified as Sandra following a misunderstanding between both.

An eyewitness explained that the incident occurred after school hours, saying "it was during the fight that the suspect stabbed the deceased with a knife."

The source said "the body of the deceased has been deposited at the Specialist Hospital, mortuary, in Ikare."

Efforts to speak with the principal of the school to comment on the incident

failed, but a teacher who asked not to be named described the incident as "unfortunate and tragic."

When contacted, the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Funmi Odunlami, who confirmed the incident, said the case has been transferred to the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) for thorough investigation.

The PPRO said police investigation would uncover the circumstances surrounding the death of the student.

② In a related development, the police in Ondo State have arrested a 34-year-old man, Monday (surname withheld), who was alleged to have stabbed his friend, Kefa Ofando, to death over N2,000 debt.

It was gathered that Monday and Ofando were arguing over the money when the situation degenerated

into a fight between them and Ofando was stabbed in the neck

The incident occurred at Akintola village in Odigbo Local Government Area of the state.

It was learnt that the suspect used scissors to stab 30-year-old Ofando, who died before getting to the hospital after losing so much blood.

Speaking on the arrest of the suspect during a parade of suspected criminals in the state, the Commissioner of Police, Oladipo Abayomi, said what started as an argument degenerated into the killing of Ofando.

The police boss said: "On September 20, operatives of the Ondo State police command attached to Odigbo divisional police headquarters, acting on a complaint, swiftly responded and arrested one Monday (surname withheld), a 34-year-

old resident of Akintola village in Odigbo Local Government Area of the state.

"The suspect allegedly stabbed one Kefa Ofando, aged 30, to death, while discreet investigation revealed that the deceased had loaned the suspect N2,000.

"While demanding the money a few days later, it led to an argument, during which the suspect stabbed the victim with scissors in his neck.

"Upon arrival at the crime scene experts recovered a pair of scissors, while a medical practitioner confirmed Kefa Ofando's death.

"Investigation is ongoing, and the suspect will soon be charged to court upon conclusion. However, this underscores the importance of staying away from violent individuals and the need to act with restraint, especially when angry or under pressure."