

# Police probe man's killing by mum, brothers

The police in Lagos are investigating the alleged murder of a 28-year old man by his mum and two brothers.

The suspects were alleged to have battered the victim, Emmanuel Kazeem, to death with a pestle penultimate Friday.

The suspected assailants allegedly took turns to batter him with the pestle while their mother engaged him in a fight at the family house at Omikunle, Alagbado.

Some residents of the area, who spoke on condition of anonymity, told Saturday Punch that the cause of the quarrel was not clear, adding that by the time they intervened, the victim had collapsed and was later confirmed dead at a hospital.

The victim's wife, Moria, told our correspondent that it was actually Emmanuel's mother that invited her late husband, who worked as a commercial driver and lived with his immediate family elsewhere, to the house for a chat.

"When he didn't come back home that night, I thought he went somewhere with his girlfriend, Bukky, but when I still didn't see him the following morning, I became uncomfortable. When I went to ask about his whereabouts from his mother, since that was where he told me he was

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going to, the mother became nasty and told me to leave immediately," she said.

She said it was not until Sunday that she knew that her husband had died when she decided to visit Emmanuel's father at Ota, Ogun State.

She said her late husband's parents were separated, although the victim's mother had six kids for her former husband.

Moria said to her amazement, people around her father-in-law's place started sympathising with her the moment she got there.

"At first, I refused to believe them but when I saw my father-in-law, I knew I was in trouble. He told me that the mother brought him (Emmanuel) dead to him and he had buried him. I was furious. How could they have gone to bury him like that when he had a wife and two little children? He (Emmanuel's father) said the corpse was already bloated when they brought him."

She said it took the intervention of the officials of the motor union in the area before the case was reported to the police.

Emmanuel's father, however, declined comments when our correspondent sought to speak with him.

Prodded for his side of the story, he merely said, "Nobody is happy about the situation of things. So, let us just watch and see what happens next. And in any case, I have given my statement to the police."

Our correspondent gathered that the suspects were being detained at the State Criminal Investigation Department, Panti, pending the conclusion of the probe.

Spokesman of the state police command, Mr. Bode Ojajuni, who confirmed the development, said it was being investigated.

## Minna court re

A chief magistrate's court in Minna, Niger State has ordered the remand of a 22-year old man, Gambo Abdullahi, in prison custody over a bloody attack on a high court judge, Justice Christopher Auta three months ago.

Abdullahi was arraigned before the Chief Magistrate's Court 5, Minna last Thursday over the attack, which claimed the life of the judge's orderly, Corporal Peter Akut.

The accused person, who is a Fulani man from Payata village via Maikunkele area of Minna, was also charged with the killing of a university lec-