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Couple, children murder neighbour

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The Anambra State Police Command on Tuesday gave details of how one Mrs. Grace Odenigbo and members of her family, murdered a neighbour, Mrs. Benedeth Ohagwusi, in Onitsha, last Sunday.

Ohagwusi, 45, reportedly lost her life when Grace, her husband, Nicholas, and their three children fought with her.

Grace was said to have hit the deceased with a pestle on the head after the late Benedeth, who lived on the ground floor of a storey building had complained that her attackers poured dirty water on her from their first-floor apartment.

The second in command to the Assistant Commissioner of Police at the state Criminal Investigations Department, Mr. James Amiegbereta, who confirmed the murder on Tuesday in Awka, said that the couple and their children had been detained.

According to Amiegbereta, the incident took place in Okpoko, a suburb of Onitsha during a physical combat around 10.30pm on Sunday.

He stated that the corpse of the deceased had been deposited at a morgue but added that investigation into the crime was still in progress.

Ohagwusi operated a restaurant on No. 59B, Corporate Lane, Okpoko.

She was said to have been resting on a soak-away slab after smoking some iced fish preparatory for her business the following day, when her attackers allegedly poured dirty water on her from the storey building.

She was reported to have alerted her husband, Abel, and together, they sought to know why the water was poured on the deceased.

It was learnt that the attackers, rather than show remorse, poured another bucket of water on the deceased, a development that led to the fight.

The two families were said to have been engaging in regular disagreements over time.

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