

22 year-old girl assassinated in Lagos

Sunday Aborisade

THE Police in Lagos have begun investigation into the mysterious death of a 22-year-old girl, Ifeyinwa Ugadu, who was allegedly murdered on Sunday by suspected assassins at 11, Oyeniji Close, Odukoya Estate, Egbeda, Lagos.

Our correspondent learnt on Wednesday that the gunmen sneaked into the house and attacked the girl, who was a trainee tailor, when other members of her family were attending a church service.

It was learnt that the deceased, who hailed from Ngbo Ohaukwu Local Government Area of Ebonyi State, was living with her uncle, Chief Joseph Elom, before she was gruesomely murdered.

Residents of the area said the incident happened around 12 noon when other members of the family had gone to Deeper Life Bible Church, Akowonjo, to worship.

The family were said to have raised the alarm when

they returned and found the lifeless body of Ifeyinwa on the rug with blood stains while her killers had ran away from the scene.

A source said, "When Mama Chinedu, (Wife of the deceased uncle) returned home from the church and saw Ifeyinwa's lifeless body, she fainted immediately but was revived at the Light Hospital, Egbeda, by a team of medical personnel.

While narrating her experience to newsmen, Mrs. Elom said, "While we were going to the church she was in the house. The discovery of her dead body was a shock to me. I collapsed and was later revived at the hospital. I have just been discharged by the doctor."

The deceased's uncle, who described the incident as sad, said he traveled to his home village when the incident happened.

He said, "What could have led to her being killed? She was such a nice girl who could not hurt a fly. She did not mix freely with

people because she was not educated. She often stayed alone.

"I was told that when Chinedu, my son and Onyebuchi, one of the boys that sells foodstuff in my shop, were going out that day, she told them to wait and eat Eba but they told her that they would send somebody to come and pick it. She bade them farewell only for them to come back and met her corpse.

She appealed to the acting Inspector General of police, Mr. Mike Okiro, and the Lagos State Commissioner of Police, Mr. Mohammed Abubakar, to find out the "circumstances surrounding the death of our beloved sister."

Spokesperson of the state police command, Mr. Olubode Ojajuni, promised that the killers of Ifeyinwa would soon be arrested and that detectives at the Gowon Estate Police Station have begun full investigation into the matter.