Man, 35, smashes pregnant wife's head

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A middle-aged man, Sunday Abbah, has killed his wife, Comfort, who was six months old pregnant at the time, with a huge stone under a very strange circumstance.

The suspect, who is now in the net of the Ogun State Police Command, told journalists during the parade of the latest suspected criminals in Eleweran, Abeokuta, on Thursday, that he did not know what moved him to commit the dastardly act.

Abbah, a native of Kogi State, explained that there was no rancour or disagreement between himself and the wife, wondering what could have moved him to take the life of his wife of five years, a union that had produced a baby.

The suspects paraded along the wife killer by the Commissioner of Police in the state, Mr. Joseph Apapa, included cable vandals, armed robbers, drug peddlers and suspected cult members from the Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago Iwoye.

Apapa said the command also recovered eight exotic cars within the last one week, one of which was loaded with several bags of Indian hemp.

"My wife has been telling me to go to her parents and pay her dowry and we set out at our house in Elere, (Ewekoro Local Government area of Ogun State) but we couldn't make it beyond Odeda (also in

Ogun State) and we decided to sleep in my sister's place in the town," said Abbah, a light complexioned farmer.

"But while we were sleeping, I woke up and looked for that stone(weighing about 20kg) and hit her head."

The impact of the huge stone did not give the wife any opportunity to cry out for help as her head was shattered instantly by the stone, picked among the stones at the heathen cooking area.

"I can only ask that the government should kill me for this offence because I don't know what came over me," he said.

A sober-looking Abbah said he was confused not knowing what influenced his evil action and what to tell the only surviving child of the now shattered union.

Driver, conductor arrested for armed robbery

Kunte Adeyemi

A Lagos bus driver and his conductor are now behind the bars, telling the police what they know about some of the robberies in the metropolis.

Ebere Chiemeka (driver) and Chima Obi were arrested

by a team of anti-robbery policemen attached to Trade Fair Police Station on Wednesday.

Chiemeka was the driver of a commercial Volkswagen mini bus with registration number XH 498 EPE while Obi was the conductor.

It was learnt that the bus had been used to rob pas-

sengers some weeks ago and some of the passengers reported the case to the police, giving them the registration number of the vehicle.

Both driver and conductor allegedly picked passengers at various bus stops within the city pretending that they were doing genuine business.

Midway, however, the driver who was said to have connived with other bandits, robbed all the passengers at gunpoint and threw them out of the bus.

The victims were said to have lost various sums of money, mobile telephone handsets, jewelry and other valuables to the thieves.

At about 9pm on Wednesday, the policemen, based on the information they already had, sighted the bus at Alakija area on

the Lagos-Badagry Expressway.

The policemen stopped the bus and confronted the driver with the allegation of having used his bus to rob some passengers in the past.

It, was learnt that the driver denied ever being involved in any robbery incident and he and the conductor were subsequently taken to the police station.

Spokesman for the Lagos State Police Command, Mr. Frank Mba, confirmed the arrest to our correspondent on Thursday.

Mba, a deputy superintendent of police, said both suspects had made "useful statements" to the police.

The suspects, according to the PPRO, will be prosecuted after the completion of police investigation.

Bwari police to be equipped in May -CP

THE Commissioner of Police in charge of the Federal Capital Territory Command, Mr. Haruna John, said on Wednesday in Bwari that the police unit would be adequately equipped with communication gadgets in May.

John stated this during a quarterly interactive forum organised in collaboration with an NGO, CLEEN Foundation.

He decried the present

state of communication gadgets in the division, describing it as obsolete and inadequate for effective policing.

"By May this year, this division will have the best communication gadgets and other required policing equipment," he said.

John said that an assessment conducted by the CLEEN Foundation last year ranked the station as one of the worst divisions in the

territory in terms of logistics.

"The assessment in eight states with 25 divisions in FCT showed that Asokoro, Gwarimpa and Kwali were rated high," he said.

He said that the division scored 40 per cent on community relation and 27.7 per cent on infrastructure which includes barracks and offices.

"The station also scored 40" per cent on transparency," he added.