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Siblings allegedly beat step-mother to death

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MEMBERS of a Lagos family based in Ikorodu are at loggerheads over the alleged killing of a matriarch in the family by the siblings of the other wife.

The incident, which happened on Monday, has thrown Ipakodo-Ikorodu community into turmoil.

The deceased, Mrs. Adijatu Tijani, was one of the wives of the late Mr. Tijani.

Our correspondent learnt that on the day of the incident, two of the children of the other wife, in company with four others, allegedly beat Madam Tijani to a state of coma.

She was rushed to a hospital but later confirmed dead.

The deceased's children reported the case to the police at Ipakodo and some policemen were consequently sent to the house to ascertain what went wrong.

An investigation by our correspondent on Tuesday showed that the deceased family's patriarch left a building each for his two wives.

However, there had been internal wranglings among the children of both wives.

It was also learnt that the deceased woman had gone to the house of the other wife when the incident occurred.

Her children alleged that the other wife's siblings beat their step-mother to a state of coma and that led to her death.

But the accused children of the other wife have consistently denied beating their step-mother.

They claimed that the woman might probably have had a heart attack which resulted in her collapse and subsequent death.

It was further learnt that the children of the deceased, after reporting the incident to the police, had withdrawn the corpse from the mortuary and had since buried it according to Moslem rites.

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

Mba said, "We are trying our best to resolve the matter, but it seems the action of the deceased's children may not help matter.

"They ought not to have buried the corpse. An autopsy should have been performed before the burial. The result of that post-mortem will greatly assist us in our investigation."

The PPRO, however, said the police would do whatever they could to ensure peace in the family.