

Girl, 19, stabs brother-in-law to death

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A 19-year-old girl, Margaret Samuel, is currently in custody at the Ajah Division of the Lagos State Police Command for allegedly stabbing her brother-in-law identified as Jide Aroyewun to death.

Margaret was taking sides with her immediate elder sister, Patience, who was engaged in a scuffle with her husband at their Abraham Adesanya Estate, Ajah, Lagos residence on May 20 when the incident happened.

The Ikot-Epkene, Akwa-Ibom State-born orphan told our correspondent on Monday that she was at the residence of her eldest sister, Peace, in the same

estate when Patience called her on the telephone to intimate to her of the scuffle between her and her husband.

She said, "Immediately I received the call, I ran to their house and found my sister crying. My sister later explained to me that her husband caused the problem by drinking all the beer she put in the refrigerator for sale.

"While I was trying to mediate in the disagreement, Jide slapped me. It was at that point that I picked a kitchen knife in their sitting room and stabbed him on his side.

"When I saw him in pain with blood gushing out of his side, I realised the magnitude of my

action and shouted for help. It was at that point that we rushed him to the hospital where he later died."

Margaret said that although not "formally married" to the deceased, her sister had been living with him since last year and had a child from the union.

Faulting her claim that the deceased was quickly rushed to the hospital, the command's Public Relations Officer, Mr. Frank Mba, said that because the case was not reported to the police on time, the victim was not taken to the hospital until late in the night.

He said, "This case will send a strong message to other people that the solution to domestic crisis or any other crisis for that matter does not lie in violence. If Margaret had exercised restraint and played her peacemaker role well, she would not have found herself in this mess."

He said that the case would be transferred to the Homicide Section of the state Criminal Investigation Department, Panti Street, Yaba, later for prosecution.

Gunmen on the prowl, two killed

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GUNMEN suspected to be armed robbers were on the prowl in Ajah, Lagos State in the early hours of Monday.

The bandits, our correspondent learnt, were operating on motorcycles and moving towards Epe when they had an encounter with security operatives.

At about 2am, a team of policemen attached to Ajah division reportedly sighted the motorcycles some metres away.

The policemen were said to be on a routine patrol of the road when they were alerted to the sound of the motorcycles.

It was learnt that while the security men attempted to stop the motorcycles for a check, the riders also made attempts to flee.

A gun battle resulted and in the process, it was gathered that two of the suspects were killed.

Other members of the gang allegedly escaped on one of the motorcycles.

The corpses, it was learnt, were first carried to the police station and later deposited at a public mortuary.

Spokesman for the Lagos State Police Command, Mr. Frank Mba, a superintendent of police, confirmed the incident to our correspondent on Monday.

Mba said the police recovered two locally-made pistols, three pieces of live ammunition and seven cartridges from the dead suspects.

He said an unregistered motorcycle belonging to the suspects was recovered and taken to the police station.

He added that the case had been transferred to the state Criminal Investigation Department, Panti, Yaba for investigation.



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One killed, three injured as miscreants attack park

Ademola Oni, Abeokuta

THE relative peace in the Ogun State chapter of the National Union of Road Transport Workers suffered a set back on Monday morning as one person was killed while three others were seriously injured when some miscreants invaded the Sapon Motor Park, Abeokuta.

The cause of this latest attack was not immediately known but sources within the union attributed the incident to the ambition of an estranged factional leader of the union "to remain relevant."

Our correspondent learnt that the hoodlums arrived at the park at about 4am with assorted weapons and fired gunshots indiscriminately.

It was gathered that the invaders, who were met with an initial resistance, soon overpowered the drivers in the park.

The miscreants were, however, not lucky enough as a team of riot policemen that responded to the gunshots arrested three of them.

The spokesman for the state police command, Mr. Muyiwa Adejobi, said the police team recovered a brand new AK-47 rifle from the suspects, a development he described as dangerous.

He said, "We arrested three of them and they are already at the State Criminal Investigation Department for further interrogation.

"The most worrisome aspect is that we found a brand new AK-47 rifle on these people. This is a serviceable weapon meant for the military and police."

One of the injured, Mr. Sina Olayiwola, who was among those rushed to the state hospital, Ijaiye, was said to have died shortly after. He was said to be residing in Ago Oko area of the town.