

Medical laboratory science council CEO killed in Abuja

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Tragedy struck on Wednesday at the apartment of the acting Registrar and Chief Executive Officer of the Medical Laboratory Science Council of Nigeria, Mrs. Olufunke Omotuyi, when unidentified persons stabbed her to death.

PUNCH Metro learnt that the MLSCN boss was stabbed in the neck and in the chest by the assailants at about 4am on Wednesday.

It was learnt that Omotuyi, who was due for retirement from the council in two months, was attacked and killed in her residence in the Apo area of Abuja.

Our correspondent gathered that the killing was reported at the Durumi Police Division and at the Zone 7 Police Command in Abuja.

The National Public Relations Officer of the Association of Medical Laboratory Scientists of Nigeria, Adeyeye Tam, who confirmed the death to our correspondent, said the MLSCN boss was preparing to attend an international summit.

He said, "It is confirmed that the acting Registrar and CEO of the MLSCN, Mrs. Olufunke Omotuyi, was killed in the early hours of Wednesday at her residence in Abuja.

"It is shocking. I am on my way to her apartment. I cannot say much about it now."

A worker with the MLSCN, Abuja, who spoke with *PUNCH Metro* on condition of anonymity, said Omotuyi lived alone in the apartment.

She said, "The news has thrown all Nigerian medical laboratory scientists into mourning. The CEO was stabbed in the neck and in the chest. She was in her 60s because she was supposed to retire in two months' time. She did not live in the apartment with her children and her husband. Her husband is a senior pastor in an Anglican church in Lagos."

Another official with the MLSCN, who identified himself only as Wale, said, "I was supposed to go to her place for some official accreditation. But it was cancelled because she was attacked. When I got to the MLSCN headquarters, it was confirmed that she was not only attacked, she had also been stabbed to death. I have not been to her apartment, but the corpse has been deposited in a morgue.

"The Area Commander, an Assistant Commissioner of Police and a Deputy Commissioner of Police came to our office today to verify the report and it was confirmed to them. They have taken over the investigation."

Our correspondent learnt that an autopsy had also been conducted on the deceased.

The FCT Police Command Public Relations Officer, Anjuguri Manzah, promised to get back to our correspondent with details of the incident.

He, however, had yet to do so as of press time.

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