

Man confesses to killing 60-year-old aunt

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A 23-year-old man in the Ipokda area of Ogun State, Dansu Asogba, has confessed to the killing of his 60-year-old aunt, Iyabo Dansu, after an herbalist reportedly threatened to invoke the spirit of the deceased against her killer.

The Police Public Relations Officer in Ogun State, Abimbola Oyeiyemi, disclosed this in a statement on Saturday.

Oyeiyemi explained that the suspect was arrested following his confession.

According to the PPRO, the suspect was arrested following a report by two children of the deceased who reported at Ipokda Divisional Headquarters.

He said, "They reported that they received information on August 22, 2020 about the demise of their mother who was not known to be suffering from any illness."

"They stated further that since they were not suspecting any foul play, they decided to bury her without necessarily reporting to the police."

"But immediately after the burial, they heard information that the suspect, who is a nephew to the deceased, was seen in her house on that day, and shortly after he left, the woman was declared dead."

"This aroused the suspicion of the people of the community and they threatened to carry out a traditional ritual which would expose the killer. On hearing about the intention of the community to go spiritual about the deceased, the suspect Dansu Asogba came out and confessed being responsible for the woman's death."

Oyeiyemi said upon the suspect's confession, the Divisional Police Officer, Ipokda Division, SP Adebayo Hakeem, detailed policemen to the scene, where he was promptly arrested.

On interrogation, the suspect reportedly admitted killing the deceased, claiming that he did

so because he believed she was responsible for the death of his first child and a miscarriage suffered by his wife.

Oyeiyemi added, "He confessed further that it was an iron rod he used to hit the woman on the neck which resulted in her death."

"Meanwhile, the

Commissioner of Police, Edward Ajogun, has ordered the immediate transfer of the suspect to the homicide section of the State Criminal Investigation and Intelligence Department for further investigation and prosecution."

C & S leader urges Buhari to reverse electricity, petrol tariff hike

TUNDE AJAJA

THE Supreme Head, Cherubim & Seraphim Unification Church of Nigeria, His Most Eminence, Prophet Solomon Adegboyega Alao, has called on the President, Major General Muhammadu Buhari (retd), to reverse the hike in electricity tariff.

The cleric also condemned the timing of the increase in the price of petrol, which is a product of the deregulation of the pump price of petrol, noting that the increase would have an effect on food prices. He noted that the President ought to be more concerned with reducing the economic hardship occasioned by the effect of COVID-19 pandemic on Nigerians.

According to a statement, Alao spoke at the 95th anniversary thanksgiving service of the church held at the church's premises on the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway, Ogun State on Saturday.

He said, "I can see some economic sense in removing petroleum subsidy but the timing is wrong. It caught people unawares because there was no public enlightenment before the sudden removal of the subsidy."

"I think electricity supply should be improved upon before

talking of increasing the tariff. I don't know any community that enjoys 12 hours of interrupted power supply in the country not to talk of 24 hours."

"Government should link people's economic independence to crime reduction. If people are hungry and losing hope, they become desperate and they can do anything."

He also advised the government to consider the secular nature of the country in handling the controversial Company and Allied Matters Act as it affects religious organisations, noting that the government has no business interfering with how people decide to worship their God.

While condemning the

death sentence passed on a Kano singer, Yahaya Sharif-Aminu, he urged the President to intervene in the matter. "If the Kano State Government goes ahead to execute the man, it will send wrong signals to the international community and people of different religions in the country."

Alao urged members of the church to support the government and pray for the President and state governors to govern the country with the fear of God and improve the welfare of the masses.

He said Nigerians would soon have a national thanksgiving service to celebrate the end of the coronavirus pandemic.

Gunmen abduct businesswoman in Delta community

DELE OGUNYEMI

GUNMEN on Saturday abducted a businesswoman identified as Mrs Akpezi Okpide in Ughelli, Ughelli North Local Government Area of Delta State.

Sources said the incident happened around 8am, while the 33-year-old woman was heading for her shop at Otovwodo, a busy part of the town.

It was gathered that the gunmen waylaid the victim in

her Honda car along the Ughelli Township Stadium.

A source close to the victim disclosed that she was whisked from her Honda car into a black tinted Mercedes-Benz SUV driven by the suspects.

The hoodlums, whose number could not be ascertained, reportedly drove away through the Ughelli/Patani Expressway.

The source said, "She was kidnapped this morning (Saturday). She was taken from her car on her way to work."