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with such a headline?" he queried.

'My husband died of shock 11 days after police killed my only son'

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SIXTY-eight-year-old Mrs Elizabeth Olatunji, on Tuesday, told the Ekiti State judicial panel of inquiry into allegations of human rights violations that the police had rendered her life miserable and left her eternally in sorrowful.

Olatunji alleged that the policemen deployed to Ire Ekiti in the Oye council area of the state on August 10, 2020 following the violence that erupted over the Ogun festival, shot her only son, Tope Olatunji, dead.

The woman, in her testimony before the panel, said that her husband, Joshua Olatunji, died of shock from the incident 11

days after.

The woman said she was preparing to go to the farm when she heard the sound of gunshots, adding that everybody was running for safety.

"As my only son, I called him to run home immediately, but he was hit by the bullets as he was running towards our house," she said.

The bereaved woman pleaded with the panel to "consider N25m as compensation for me so that I can live a worthy life."

Also, a 35-year-old man, Mr Simon Olusegun, narrated to the panel how his pregnant wife and

mother of two, Catherine, was allegedly killed by police on the same day in the community.

Olusegun, however, urged the panel to grant him N30m as compensation to sponsor the education of his two children "because I believe these kids will become great persons in life."

But counsel for the police, Samson Osobu, said police officers were only drafted to the town to maintain law and order following the cancellation of the Ogun festival by the state government.

The panel chairman, Justice Cornelius Akintayo (retd.), adjourned the case till January 19, 2021 for further hearing and appearance of witnesses.