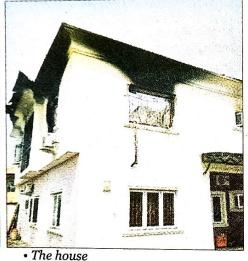
Ogun couple killed after crossover service,





The couple

Daud Olatunji and Sodiq Ojuroungbe

RAGEDY struck in the Ibara area of Abeokuta, Ogun State, on Sunday, when a couple. Kehinde and from a New Year crossover Bukola Fatinove, were killed in a fire incident____

Their son was reportedly taken

away by suspected hoodlums. who set the house on fire.

PUNCH Metro gathered that the couple were murdered in their private residence in Abeokuta shortly after returning church service.

It was learnt that the man, Kehinde, worked with the Central

Bank of Nigeria, while his wife, Bukola, before her death, worked with the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta.

The victims were reportedly burnt beyond recognition with their remains later packed by policemen and health officials who visited the scene.

A close family source said the

incident was suspected to be the handiwork of arsonists, who traced the couple to their house after they left their church.

The source further revealed that the suspects kidnapped their son and housemaid.

A cousin to the late Kehinde, Ambrose Somide, said he could not fathom the incident.

A church member, who asked to be identified as Kayode, confirmed that the couple were at the crossover service at a church in the Okejigbo area of Abeokuta.

Another sympathiser, who spoke on condition of anonymity, told our correspondent that the couple lost their second son last July.

The source said, "Fatinoye family as a whole has been totally wiped out. The first son was also taken away; dead or alive, we don't know. They were just recovering from the loss of their second son in July 2022."

The state Police Public

son abducted

Relations Officer, SP Abimbola Ovevemi, confirmed the incident.

He said "It is true that a couple were killed and set ablaze at their residence in Abeokuta, shortly after they returned from a

crossover service.

"One person has been arrested by our operatives in connection to the incident. We will get to the root of the matter, as investigation has since begun."

15 die, 36 injured in B

Daud Olatunii and **Armstrong Bakam**

TO fewer than 15 people lost their lives in separate accidents in Bauchi and Ogun states on Saturday and Sunday.

Ween people were killed in a crash that occurred on New Year's Eve along the Bauchi-Maiduguri highway in the Darazo Local Government Area of Bauchi State.

Also, 14 others sustained varying degrees of injury in the crash that occurred on Saturday. December 31, 2022.

The Bauchi State Sector

Commander, Federal Road Safety Corps. Yusuf Abdullahi, said the crash happened around 7,35pm.

The crash involved two vehicles. commercial Volkswagen Sharon minibus with number plate, DRZ 47 ZY, and a fiat pick-up van.

The probable causes of the road traffic crash were speed limit violation and the use of worn-out tyres," he added.

Abdullahi warned drivers against recklessness on highways.

Eight people also lost their lives and 22 were injured on Sunday in two separate accidents in Ogun State.

PUNCH Metro gathered that