

Ogun man kills wife over school

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A 40-year-old woman, Folasade Badejo, has been allegedly killed by her husband, Oluranti Badejo, at their house in Orimerunmu, Mowe, in the Obafemi-Owode Local Government Area of Ogun State.

PUNCH Metro learnt that Folasade, a fashion designer, on Wednesday, got into an argument with her husband over the payment of their three children's school fees.

The argument was said to have degenerated into fistcuffs as 51-year-old Oluranti allegedly smashed Folasade's head against the wall of their apartment.

She was said to have fallen. Their eight-year-old daughter, Jumoke, reportedly said her father abandoned her mother on the floor, as she writhed in pain.

The victim was said to have died.

The suspect was alleged to have subsequently burnt her corpse



• Folasade

with a hot iron.

Folasade's younger brother, Lekan Yusuf, who spoke to our correspondent on Thursday, said he received a call on the incident from one of the couple's neighbours.

He said, "On getting to their house on Wednesday morning, I saw my sister's body was burnt



• Oluranti

with an electric iron and blood was still oozing out of her nostrils and ears.

"The two of them always quarrelled just like any other couple and when I lived with them for three months, no day passed that he did not beat her, especially over money matters.

"On several occasions, even

when I was living with them at Ajegunle, Oluranti beat my sister whenever he returned home from work, even when she was asleep."

The victim's elder sister, Ayode Busola, said she learnt about the incident through a family member in Port Harcourt, Rivers State, who called her on the phone.

She said, "Immediately, my

Construction planks flatten tricycle, tackles CCECC

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A woman, Funmilayo Alade, has accused the

Chinese company refused to take responsibility, adding that she had been bedridden for two weeks because of the incident.



fees, burns corpse with iron

husband and I boarded a bike and rushed to their house only to see my sister's lifeless body on the ground near the freezer with different parts of her body burnt with a pressing iron.

"I asked Oluranti what happened and he told me that when he came back from work on Tuesday night, she complained to him that the electricity connection to their apartment was faulty.

"He said after eating and retiring to bed, his daughter came to wake him up to see her mother, only for him to see her lifeless near the freezer as she had been electrocuted.

"When I looked at my sister's hands, they were not burnt but other parts of her body were bruised, burnt and blood was still oozing out from her nostrils and ears.

"We later reported the case at the Mowe Police Station and when the officers came and looked at the body, they arrested him."

The deceased's father, Saheed Yusuf, demanded justice for Folasade.

Saheed said the couple's daughter, Jumoke, told the police that her mother demanded school fees from her father and when they started to argue, he slammed her head against the wall.

He said, "Jumoke told us and the police that when she went to tell her father to take her mother to a hospital or call one Aunty Nurse who resided in the community to treat her mother, he told her that members of the OPC guarding the area would beat them if they ventured outside at that time of the day."

PUNCH Metro learnt that Oluranti was arrested and taken to the Mowe Police Station.

He was said to have been transferred to the Homicide Section of the State Criminal Investigation Department, Elewera.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, SP Abimbola Oyeyemi, confirmed the incident in a statement on Thursday.

Oyeyemi said the younger sister of the deceased reported the incident at the Mowe divisional

police headquarters.

He said, "The lifeless body of the victim was taken to a mortuary in Sagamu for post-mortem examination.

"Preliminary investigation, however, revealed that the suspect strangled the deceased during a scuffle as a result of a minor disagreement.

"Having realised that he had

killed his wife, the suspect used a hot iron to burn parts of the body of the deceased so as to look as if she was electrocuted. But unfortunately for him, their eight-year-old daughter was there and witnessed the whole thing.

"It was the daughter who testified to seeing her father strangulating her mother to death."

Trailer kills Plateau traders, tricycle passenger, crushes shops

James Abraham

THREE persons, including two roadside traders and a tricycle passenger, were on Thursday killed by a trailer along Zaria Road in Jos, Plateau State.

PUNCH Metro gathered that the articulated vehicle also destroyed some shops after it crashed on them.

Eyewitnesses said the incident happened after the trailer, which was parked on one side of the highway, climbed a wedge put under it by the driver and started rolling.

A resident, who gave his name only as Maxwell, said, "There was nobody inside the trailer parked by the roadside. So, immediately the motor boy saw the trailer rolling down the road without the driver inside, he tried to put

another wedge but the trailer did not stop.

"Then, he jumped inside the vehicle and tried to control it. By this time, the people who noticed what was happening started shouting and calling on people in the direction of the trailer to clear from the road.

"Unfortunately, the trailer crashed into some shops along the road, killing two persons selling by the roadside. The third person that was killed was a tricycle passenger who tried to escape from the tricycle but was not fast enough like other passengers."

The state Public Enlightenment Officer of the Federal Road Safety Corps, Peter Longsan, also confirmed the death of the crash victims, describing the incident as unfortunate.

Two villagers killed as Katsina

rider bedridden,

Mamora, however, revealed that the meeting did not yield any positive result, as the company was not ready to compensate her sister.

She added, "The project

We have safety officers and departments. We have caution signs in all those places to notify people that we are working there; they can't park.

"The particular place the