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Lagosian burns wife to death, flees

A man, identified simply as Akpos, is on the run after allegedly burning his wife, Risikat, to death at their residence on Ayide Osolo Street, Divine Estate, in the Ijanikin area of Lagos State.

PUNCH Metro gathered that Akpos and Risikat were at their residence when an argument ensued between them.

The argument reportedly degenerated and Akpos, out of annoyance, reached for petrol, poured it on his wife and set her ablaze.

After perpetrating the crime, Akpos was said to have abandoned the woman for dead and fled the premises.

Some good Samaritans reportedly rushed the victim to a nearby hospital for treatment, as the matter was reported at the Ijanikin Police Station for investigation.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, SP Benjamin Hundeyin, said Risikat sustained severe burns, adding that she died while receiving treatment in the hospital.

He said, "A case was reported at the Ijanikin Police Station that a woman, Risikat, 48, allegedly had an altercation with her husband and in the process, he poured petrol on his wife and set her ablaze."

"It resulted in serious bodily burns and she was immediately rushed to a hospital for treatment but she died. Efforts are on to arrest the fleeing husband."

3 In another development, commercial motorcyclists on Thursday lynched a yet-to-be-identified man for allegedly attempting to steal



• Lagos CP, Abiodun Alabi

a motorcycle around Ara Junction, Agric Road, in the Egan area of Igando, Lagos.

Our correspondent learnt that a motorcyclist was heading for a destination when two suspected thieves ambushed him at an area close to the junction.

The suspects were said to have inflicted injuries on the victim, as they dispossessed him of his motorcycle.

The hoodlums were reportedly taking away the motorcycle when some passersby raised the alarm, which attracted the attention of other motorcyclists in the area.

The group gave the suspects a hot chase and caught up with them at Ara Junction, where they descended on them.

The angry motorcyclists were said to have subjected the suspects to jungle justice as one of them was burnt.

Reacting to the incident, the state police spokesperson, Hundeyin, said the corpse had been deposited in a morgue.

"By the time the police got to the scene, everybody had fled," he added.

Journalists beaten over Delta

Matthew Ochei, Asaba

SEVERAL people were injured on Thursday when a building under construction at the Stephen Keshi International Stadium, Asaba, Delta State, collapsed.

PUNCH Metro gathered that the victims were rushed to a hospital for treatment.

The structure under construction is for the National Sports Festival scheduled to hold at the stadium on November 28, 2022.

The project was said to have been inspected by the Minister of Sports and Youths Development, Sunday Dare.

While the collapse was said to have been caused by a crane, an insider said the rush in construction to meet the delivery deadline was responsible.

Some journalists, who went to assess the level of damage, were attacked and bundled out of the stadium on the orders of the Chairman, Delta State Sports Commission, Tonobok Okowa.

Okowa, who doubles as the Co-Chairman of the Local Organising Committee for the festival, tagged Asaba 2022, ordered his men to confiscate the working tools of the reporters.

He said, "Take them out of this place; journalists are not needed."

When the men were reluctant