

# Man flees as girlfriend found dead in Lagos apartment

Johnson Idowu

toxic. The victim, whose parents reside in Ketu, often spent weekdays at her boyfriend's place, only going home on weekends.

"On Wednesday night, around 8:30 pm, she received a call from him and went to see him. However, by the next morning, her phone kept ringing with no response. Concerned about her whereabouts, her family, knowing she was likely at her boyfriend's house, went to check on her.

"Upon arrival, they found the door locked. When they finally managed to force it open, they were met with a tragic sight - her lifeless body on the bed, covered with a duvet."

@Eyeopener added that neighbours noted that they heard noise from the apartment but did not bother to check on them because it had become a recurring noise.

"Neighbours reported hearing her voice on Wednesday night but did not intervene, as fights between the couple were frequent. It wasn't until the tragic discovery that they



•Adija

realised the worst had happened. Meanwhile, the boyfriend has since absconded."

When our correspondent reached out to Adija's family on Sunday, they declined to comment on the matter at that moment.

The victim's sister, who chose to remain unnamed, in a telephone conversation with

our correspondent, noted that the family would speak with the press at an appropriate time.

Meanwhile, a close relative of the family, identified as Tosin, told our correspondent in an exclusive conversation on Sunday that Adija's mother was a single mum who had been solely responsible for raising and educating her children.

Tosin said, "The woman suffered so much raising them. She's a single mum, and the lady in question was an easy-going

person.

"Some days ago, I heard that the guy was calling the mother, saying he's also ready to die."

Confirming the incident in a telephone conversation with our correspondent on Sunday, the spokesperson for the Lagos State

Police Command, Benjamin Hundeyin, said the police were making efforts to arrest the suspect.

## Suspended Ogun monarch faces N200m lawsuit for assaulting elderly man

Uthman Salami and Okikiola Afolabi

**S**USPENDED Ogun State monarch, Oba Semiu Ogunjobi, the Olorile of Orile Ife, Ogun State, is facing an N200m lawsuit over the alleged assault of a 73-year-old man, Chief Abraham Areola, in public on January 21, 2025.

A suit number HCT/200/2025 was filed before the Ogun State High Court in Ota by the Senior Advocate of Nigeria, Femi Falana, who is representing Areola, demanding compensation and a public apology from the monarch.

The suit, obtained by PUNCH Metro on Sunday, seeks an order directing the suspended traditional ruler to issue an



•Ogunjobi

apology to be published in three national newspapers, including PUNCH Newspapers.

The elderly man seeks "an order directing the respondent to pay the sum of N200m to the applicant for the violation of his fundamental rights to

life, dignity, and freedom of movement.

"An order directing the respondent to publish an apology to the applicant in PUNCH, Vanguard, and Nigerian Tribune newspapers.

"An order restraining the Respondent from further violating the fundamental rights of the applicant in any manner whatsoever."

Speaking with PUNCH Metro on Sunday, February 2, 2025, Areola alleged that the monarch had threatened his life after a viral video showed him being brutally assaulted and publicly humiliated over an alleged chieftaincy dispute.

"He vowed to kill me," Areola

claimed. The disturbing footage, which sparked widespread condemnation, shows one of the monarch's aides snatching Areola's cap as he stood visibly disoriented, while another individual struck him from behind despite his polite attempts to understand what he had done wrong.

Following the public outcry, the state government suspended the monarch for six months, and he is now facing prosecution over the incident.

Court documents obtained by PUNCH Metro on Sunday outline the declarations sought by Areola, including "A declaration that the systematic beatings, kicking, and striking of the applicant by the respondent and his agents before a crowd of people at Orile Ife,