

# Man Murders Wife

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**A man identified as Anietie Owonam, has beaten his wife, Rose Utu, to death in Calabar, the Cross River State capital.**

And the family of the woman are accusing the police of foul play following the release of her husband who was arrested after the incident.

Rose, who had been married to Anietie for the past ten years was said to be pregnant with their third baby when Anietie beat her to death for allegedly

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*•The late Rose Utu*

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demanding money to buy their unborn baby's needs ahead of the birth of the child since she was in her ninth month of pregnancy.

Helen Utsu, elder sister to the late Rose told *P.M.News* in Calabar that trouble started in the morning of Sunday, 5th August, when her sister asked

Anietie, a staff of Tank Farm at the Export Free Zone, Calabar, to provide the money to enable her procure food stuff for the house and baby's needs since he had just been paid. Anietie, she said, offered to give her N5,000 which Rose said was inadequate. "Grace, my younger sister who is staying with them, said when Rose rejected the sum offered by Anietie, the man abused her and said that God should punish her and the baby inside her womb."

This, she said, prompted Rose to tell Anietie that he "should have abused only herself and not the baby in the stomach since the child does not know anything." This eventually led to a fight between the couple.

Anietie allegedly hit her in the chest and head which made her to collapse and become unconscious. Neighbours who came to the scene revived the woman but she was "very weak throughout that Sunday and could not even eat and Anietie did not take her to hospital. In the night when she became too sick, she called on Grace to rub her anointing oil on her fore head. Immediately the oil was robbed on her she lapsed into another unconsciousness."

Anietie, Helene said, did not do anything until Monday morning when he went to see Regina Abuo, a friend to Rose who resides close by and informed her that "he does not know what is happening to Rose". It was when Regina came that she appealed to one of the neighbours who owns a car to assist them take the woman to hospital.

"But Anietie objected, claiming that he had requested for a car

from his company which did not come until 11 am," she said.

According to the devastated lady, when they got to the University of Calabar Teaching Hospital, Rose was barely breathing, "Anietie was asked by the doctors to tell them where he hit the woman to give them a clue where to treat her, but he would not say. The doctors then rushed her to the theatre and removed the baby who was alive since the mother was still breathing."

Soon after the baby was removed, the woman died.

Helene said when the matter was reported to the police in the State Police Command at Diamond Hill, Calabar, the man was arrested but after a few days he was released.

"My brother, is it right to

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were forced to quit the building by the heavy floods that has become an annual problem.

According to a source, the owner of the house, Mr. Adeniji, who lives in Oshodi has abandoned the building and the tenants had since stopped paying house rent.

One of the tenants who spoke with *P.M.News*, however,

# Don't Incite People Against Warns Critics

**KAZEEMUGBODAGA**

**Lagos State Governor, Babatunde Fashola, has lambasted his critics, asking them to come out with viable alternatives to his government's plans for Lagosians instead of inciting the people against his administration.**

Speaking at Kosofe Local Government Area, where he went on a working tour, Fashola said the spineless critics of the present administration had the ample opportunity of presenting their

release a person who killed his wife without taking him to court? Is murder no more a serious crime in Nigeria?" Helene queried with tears streaming down her cheeks.

According to her, a post mortem examination revealed that the woman died of haemorrhage in the brain following a blow to the head.

Anietie told our correspondent in his 14, Asim Ita Street Ikot Ansa, that the "woman is the wife to my brother, Ibora who is not at home now. You can come back later." When our reporter visited the house again, his door was locked and he switched off his handset.

The Police on their part said the "man was released while more investigations are being carried out."

claimed that the tenants pay a token amount to the landlord annually.

He added that the economic situation in the country has forced them to remain in the building.

Other concerned residents on the street want the Ministry of the Environment and other relevant authorities to inspect the buildings in these areas to avoid another case of building collapse in the state.

programmes to Lagosians during the last elections, but had nothing to offer.

He told Lagosians not to listen to the inciting remarks of the failed politicians who have been telling the people not to pay tax, saying taxation remained the only vehicle to development of the society.

Fashola added that the period of politics was over and that his government was poised to provide succour to millions of Lagosians who empowered him with their votes.

The governor told the community leaders and opinion leaders

# Comptroller Sacks 16 Customs Clearing Agents

In its quest to purify and

source at Mera's office, the on-