

Man Kills Fiancee's Daughter In Benin

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The police in Asaba, Delta State, have arrested 30-year old Uche Olisakwe for allegedly killing a 10-year old girl, Patience Omonsele, daughter of his fiancée.

Patience was said to have been kept in the suspect's care by her mother who is in love with him. The deceased was allegedly tortured to death by Olisakwe for refusing to open the door of their house for him when he returned home very late and was tipsy.

In anger, the suspect reportedly broke the door and beat up the girl for failing to open the door for him.

Thereafter, he went to bed and slept off, unaware that the little girl was dying on account of the battering she received.

The following day, *P.M. News* gathered that the little girl was found dead in the house.

The police were invited and the suspect was arrested. The

Delta State Police Command Public Relations Officer, Mr. Benawi Ishiaku, confirmed the incident but disclosed that there

was no evidence to link the girl's death to rumours that she was raped to death by the suspect.

The suspect is currently being detained at the station.

Lagos Insists On Closure Of Schools

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Despite the protest by thousands of owners of private schools in Lagos, Deputy Governor of the state, Mrs. Sarah Sosan, says there is no going back on the closure of unapproved private schools in the state.

She disclosed that 41 of such schools had been shut down since Friday for failing to meet the

fied two months ago of government's intention to shut them down, which she said was long overdue.

"In any civilised society, people have to abide by the laws. There are about three million children of school age in Lagos State and their parents have choices whether to take them to private or public schools.

"In sending their children to private schools, the schools have to meet up with the standard

"These schools merge classes. Some will merge nursery one and two together and primary classes together. We can't allow this.

"They use unqualified teachers such as secondary school certificates holders. They confuse and exploit parents to spend their hard earned money. It is our duty to let them know there are schools they can't take their children to. They should patronise approved schools.

"We want those perpetrators