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## Murder Of Woman: Suspect Says 'A Voice Told Me To Kill Her'

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Residents and traders in the Better Life Market area, Makoko, were shell-shocked to see the remains of a slain well known beggar called lya Ibadan. They were even more surprised when her suspected killer, Abiodun Gafari told them that he was influenced to commit the crime by a voice within his mind.



Gafari, *P.M.NEWS* learnt, had often threatened <u>Iya Ibadan</u> who frequently begged for alms in the area. But it appeared nobody in the area took the threats seriously.

But in the night when the people in the neighbourhood were still asleep, Gafari was said to have gone to where Iya Ibadan slept and stabbed her repeatedly in the mouth until she died at about 4: 30 am.

The screams of the victim had attracted the residents who tried to rescue her but it was already too late.

Gafari, who had seen the neighbours as they were coming to the scene, fled. But he was caught and battered by the angry mob.

In his confession to the crowd that gathered at the scene, the suspect said: "I just decided to kill the woman because I had been telling her that I would kill her.

"She did not offend me. A voice told me to kill her. I just did not like to see her within the vicinity as

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she was very dirty in appearance. She used to come to my mother's shop to eat even in her dirtiness."

The mob was about to set Gafari ablaze when he was rescued by a police patrol team. He was later taken to Adekunle Police Station where he was detained.

Meanwhile, the corpse of the victim has been taken to the Isolo General Hospital.

—Paul Iyoghojie