

# Protest In Epe As Cultists Kill Housewife

**Lawmaker Absolves Politicians From Mushin Crisis**

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A member of the Lagos State House of Assembly, Mr. Bolaji Yussuf Ayinla, representing Mushin Constituency 2, Lagos State, Southwest Nigeria, has dissociated politicians from the gang wars raging in Mushin.

Ayinla disclosed this during the launching of his campaign for the coming election.

He advised youths from the area to reject any offer from anyone who may want to use them for selfish reasons.

"The gang war going on in Mushin is not caused by any of the politicians in the area. We are brothers and sisters. I don't see any reason for sponsoring any group to fight each other. Politicians should not be dragged into the matter."

"I also call on the youths in the area not to allow them to be used by any politician for any reason. They should turn down anyone that approaches them to be used as political thugs," he stated.

On his agenda for the people of the community, Ayinla promised to represent them effectively. He assured them that their welfare was top on his priority list.

He also promised to curb youth restiveness in the area through empowerment programmes.

**H**undreds of Epe residents have protested the killing of a housewife, Funke Yusuf, by cult groups in the town.

The protesters who carried the corpse of the woman to the palace of the Oloja of Epe, Oba Kamorudeen Ishola Animashaun and the secretariat of the Epe Local Government Area also vandalised properties in places visited to demonstrate their anger at the killing of innocent residents in Epe by people suspected to be cultists and the inability of their leaders to stop them.

The protesters broke all the doors and windows of the local government guest house before the police arrived and dispersed them.

The corpse was later taken to the Ijebu-Ode General Hospital.

Investigations revealed that the housewife was shot during a clash between members of the Eiye Confraternity and Aye. Guns, cutlasses, axes and knives were reportedly used during the clash.

The deceased who lived on 8, Odofin Street, Ajagunabe village in Epe town was said to be coming out of the bathroom when she was hit by a stray bullet. She died before she could be rushed to the hospital.

P.M.NEWS gathered that residents were forced to lock themselves inside their houses during the clash by the warring groups. The combatants were later subdued by policemen from the Rapid Response Squad who arrested some of them, including Seyi, a.k.a. Pencil who allegedly fired the shot that

killed the woman.

Narrating how his wife was killed, the husband, Yusuf said: "I was at the back of my house around 5 p.m. on Friday when I heard sporadic gun shots and people running helter-skelter. I quickly rushed inside with my children and locked all the doors, unknown to me that my wife

was in the bathroom outside.

"The next thing I saw was one of the cultists breaking into my house and asking me 'where is the man that ran inside the house.' I told him nobody entered my house and he went outside. Later, I heard a gun shot and I peeped through the window. I saw my wife on the

ground in a pool of blood. I ran outside and raised an alarm which attracted neighbours who assisted me in rushing her to the hospital, but she died on the way.

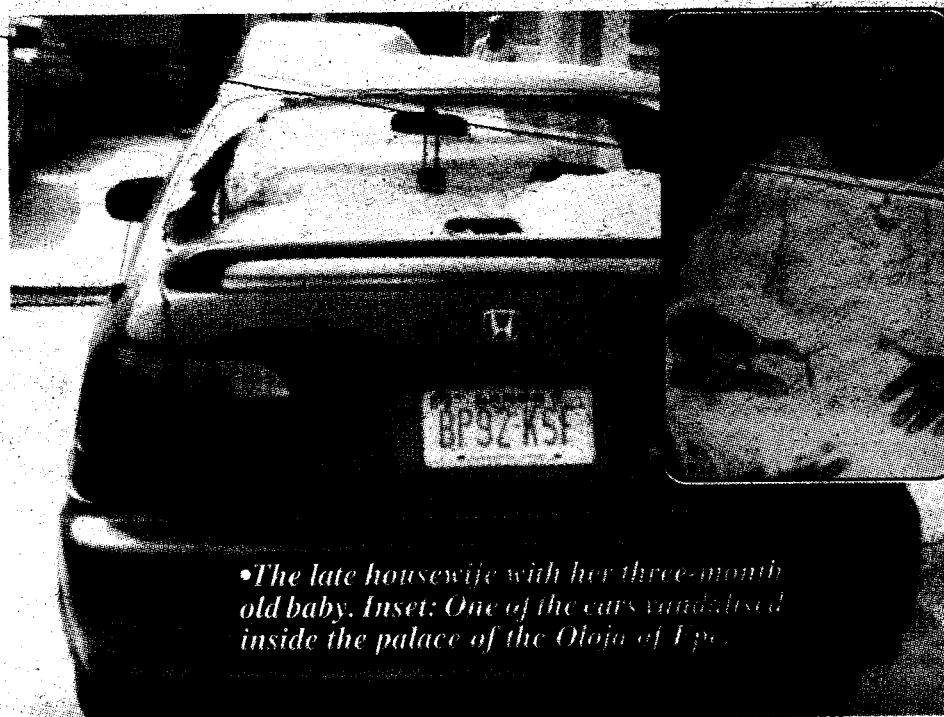
"I am begging Governor Fashola and the state Commissioner of Police to apprehend the killers. How am

I going to take care of the three-month old baby she left behind. These cultists have been killing people in Epe for too long and nobody can arrest them."

Commenting on the incident when P.M.NEWS visited his palace, Oba Animashaun said: "I do not know why they (protesters) brought a corpse to my palace knowing fully well that an Oba should not set his eyes on a corpse. They vandalized my palace and vehicles for nothing. The protest was led by one Rasak Kamorudeen and his gang. They told me to sign a paper to authorise them to kill anybody in Epe. I refused. Since then, they have been after my life."

On measures being taken to curb the incessant killings in Epe by cultists, Oba Animashaun said he has been working with other traditional rulers in the town to find a lasting solution to the problem. He appealed to the government to come to the aid of the town in this regard.

In his own comment, the Olu of Epe, Oba Shefiu Olatunji Adewale, called on wealthy Epe indigenes and Governor Babatunde Fashola to bring empowerment schemes to Epe town to curb cultism. "If the youths are engaged, the problem of cultism will be reduced," he stated.



•The late housewife with her three-month old baby. Inset: One of the cars vandalised inside the palace of the Oloja of Epe.

## 81-Year Old Retired Civil Servant Loses Leg After Torture

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**A**n eighty-one year old man, Pa. Raufu Adetunji Dada has lost one of his legs after being allegedly tortured by detectives at the Special Fraud Unit, Milverton Road,

Ikeja, Lagos, Southwest Nigeria.

In an affidavit attached to his suit at the Lagos High Court, sitting at Ikeja, Pa.Dada claimed that his confidant, Reverend Frederick Odutola of the Bible Society of Nigeria dragged him to the unit where he was tortured

leg.

The octogenarian has now dragged Rev. Odutola to the Lagos High Court, seeking justice.

In his suit with number ID/06/2011, Pa.Dada claimed that he gave Rev. Odutola about 42 thousand dollars to buy land

Odutola, he stated, wrote a petition to the SFU, FCID, Ikoyi, Lagos, alleging threat to life and obtaining money under false pretence against Pa.Dada.

Pa Dada was arrested, detained and was forced to write an agreement to pay N4m balance to the defendant. His vehicle he added, was also