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Pandemonium in Lagos, as angry mob lynches woman over witchcraft

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Okokomaiko, a Lagos suburb yesterday when a woman accused of being a witch was allegedly beaten to death by an angry mob.

The incident, which happened around 11 am, caused a lot of uproar as hundreds of people gathered to catch a glimpse of the woman.

An eyewitness, who identified himself as Paul, said a bird was seen flying in the sky, asserting that the bird suddenly fell down and turned into an old woman.

His words: "We were at Afromedia area near the canal when we suddenly saw a bird flying. The bird fell inside the canal. We rushed to catch the bird, but suddenly the bird turned into a human being. We raised the alarm, and people came and started beating the woman. Later policemen came and took her to their police station at Okokomaiko. From there, she was moved to Festac where she died." But a policeman who spoke to Daily Sun on condition of anonymity said the allegation was false.

Said he: "We were at the station when they called us that a bird fell from the sky and turned to a human being. We got there and saw the woman. They had already beaten the woman to stupor. We brought her to the station at Ojo, but the DPO said we should take her to Festac Police Station. On getting to Festac, the woman slumped and died."

Deputy Police Public Relations Officer (DPPRO) in Lagos State, Mr. Damascus Ozoani, who confirmed the story, said two men had been arrested in connection with the incident. He said the police would properly investigate the incident and ensure that everyone culpable was brought to justice.

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