

Catholic nun attacked by criminals dies in hospital

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Obi of Ogwashi-Uku Kingdom, in Aniocha South Local Government Area of Delta State and father of Minister of Finance, Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Prof. Chukwuka Okonjo, has expressed sadness over the death of a Catholic nun, Sister Marceline Alfra, who was attacked by unknown persons.

The hoodlums were said to have invaded the home of the cleric two weeks ago and inflicted multiple injuries on her.

She was rushed to University of Benin Teaching Hospital (UBTH), where medical personnel battled to save her life, but their efforts were futile, as she died due to severe injuries.

Sister Alfra, a German, had, for over 50 years been on missionary duties in Ogwashi-Uku, where she had been involved in humanitarian works, giving succour to widows and other vulnerable groups.

She was also said to have been involved in educational works and philanthropic gestures to members of the agrarian community.

Reacting to her death yesterday, Prof. Okonjo condemned the circumstance that led to her death, saying that those who attacked her were dissidents who have refused to embrace the wind of change.

Prof. Okonjo said the entire community was shocked over the attack leading to the death of the nun.