

Man stabs wife to death in Ogun

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The police in Ogun have launched a manhunt for one Joseph Ajaka who allegedly stabbed his wife, Toyin, to death in the family residence along Ado-Odo Road in Owode, Yewa South Local Government Area of the state.

But for now, the police are currently battling to unravel the cause and motive behind Ajaka's alleged devilish act.

The couple's immediate neighbours are, however, not helping matters as they have decided to keep sealed lips over the incident. They have continued to refuse to volunteer even an iota of useful information on the incident. Those approached by our correspondent not only declined to comment, they also refused to be identified.

Everyone, including the police is still at a loss concerning the cause of the fight that resulted in the husband killing his wife.

Residents who declined to be identified, say that the crux of the matter between the couple was certain unresolved domestic disagreement, which nobody could actually ascertain.

Some others claimed that Ajaka must have been a victim of voodoo, hypnotized through some diabolical means into committing the alleged crime.

When our correspondent visited the area at the weekend, residents were seen huddled in small groups and discussing the incident in low tones.

The fact for now, however, remains that one thing led to the other and some strange strong feelings came over Ajaka, who allegedly got hold of a knife and did the unimaginable, stabbing his wife of some years to death.

Residents who pleaded anonymity alleged that Ajaka stabbed his wife in more than 20 spots on her body before the woman gave up the ghost.

Immediately Ajaka snuffed life out of her, the scale fell off his eyes, as he watched his dying wife feebly writhing in pain in the pool of her own blood.

And having realized the enormity of the crime he had allegedly committed, he was said to have stealthily left the dead woman inside their blood-splattered apartment and taken to his heels.

Residents who were earlier oblivious of what was happening inside the couple's apartment, later got wind of the incident, but by the time they gained entry into the apartment, Ajaka had disappeared into thin air.

The people of Alakara area in Owode were now only confronted with the gory and shocking sight of Toyin's knife-injury riddled body.

They immediately made a distress call to the police who came to the couple's residence and took away Toyin's lifeless body covered in her own blood to the mortuary.

Confirming the incident, the state Police Public Relations Officer, Muiyiwa Adejobi, said that the police were yet to ascertain the cause of the fight between the couple, which resulted in Toyin's death.

Adejobi, a deputy superintendent of police, however, said that the police were already on the trail of the alleged run-away killer.

He said that immediately the state Commissioner of Police, Mr. Valentine Ntomchukwu, heard about the incident, he ordered a thorough investigation into the matter. "The man disappeared after committing the crime, but we have taken the wife's corpse to the mortuary. We are still looking for him. So, investigations would continue," the PPRO said.