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Agony of a mother: Woman seeks justice over breadwinner- son's murder

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Mrs. Oluseyi Olayinka, mother of the 33-year-old, Benjamin Ayobami Olayinka who was slain by unknown men recently in Jos, capital of Plateau has called on the Inspector General of Police and other security agencies to assist her in tracking down her son's killers for prosecution.

The late Olayinka who operated a computer shop along Langtang Street was stabbed to death by unknown persons in the evening of May 10, 2015 and his corpse dumped in front of a Deeper Life Bible Church on Church Street, Jos, a walking distance from his mother's house on Rwang Pam Street.

According to information, the deceased was killed less than an hour after he parted with his mother whom he reportedly warned not to go out in the night because the area was dangerous.

The distraught mother said, "I want every mother to help me to pray that God will avenge my son's murder. They (his murderers) have really caused a big wound that will never heal in my heart. I want every parent to pray to God on my behalf to fish them out. I want the culprits to be brought to book to act as deterrent to others with such evil intention."

The late Olayinka, Sunday

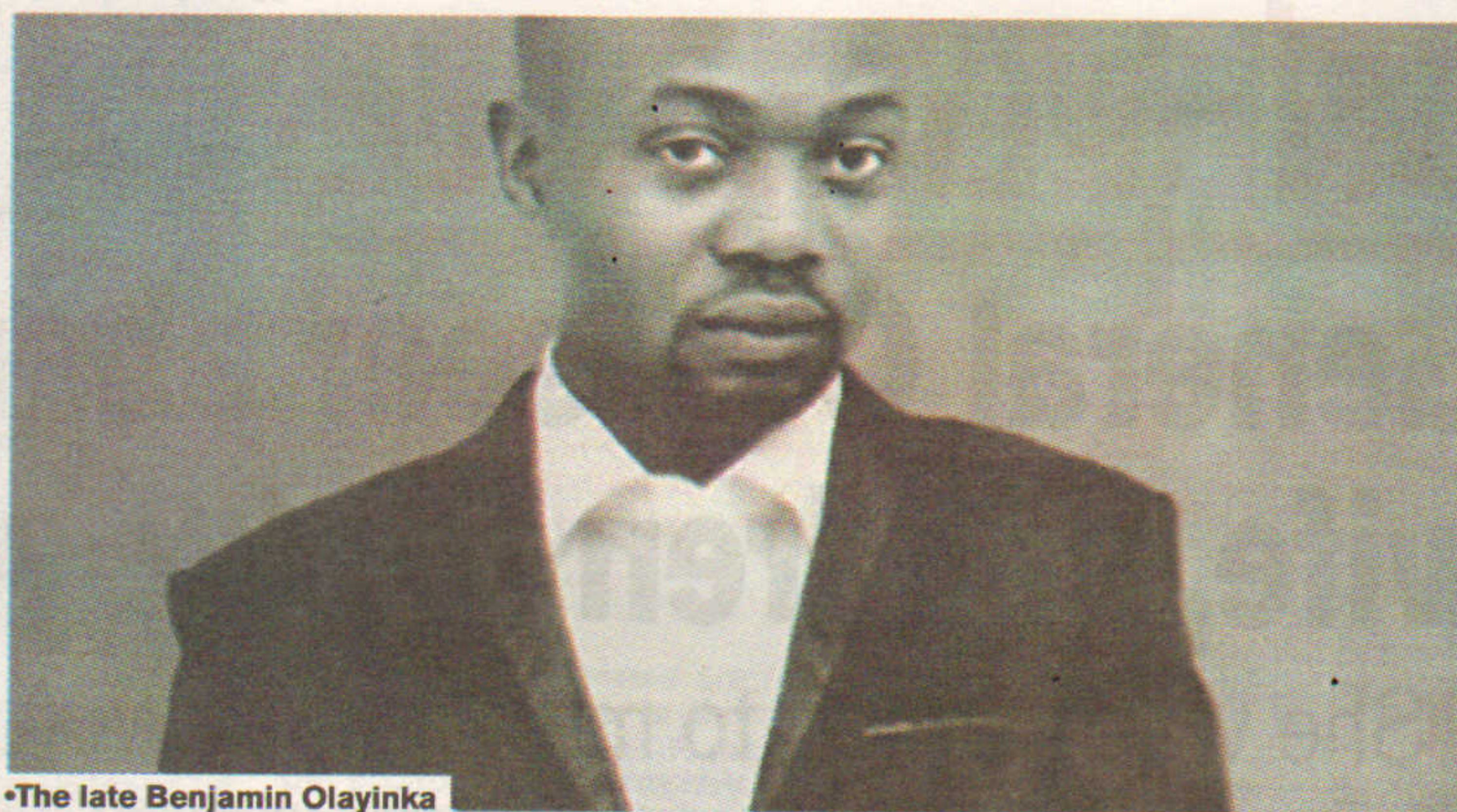
Sun gathered was the first and only male child of his mother, and had assumed the position of the family's breadwinner since his father died about 19 years ago.

Recalling her son's last minutes with her, the mother said: He came to my house that night, he was always checking on us everyday after he closed from work before going home. He checked on us that Sunday when we were about going to buy insecticide and accompanied us to buy it. He warned me and his siblings against going out at night because that our area, according to him, was dangerous especially in the night. He said we should make sure we buy whatever we want before 6:00pm and get back home.

"We chatted all the way to buy the insecticide and he kept our company back home before going his way. But before he left he told us he was going to collect his money from the manager of a nearby drinking spot.

"Around 11:00pm policemen came and knocked on my door. They explained to me that they saw a man's body on the ground close by and wanted me to come and identify him. I could not understand why they should ask me to come and identify the man and I asked them who he was. My neighbour explained that it was my son. They told me he was in a pool of his own blood and they wanted me to come and identify him.

"As I made to rush to go and see the body, one of the police



•The late Benjamin Olayinka



•Deceased's mother, Oluseyi

men held me back and said that I could not see him that night. He said that if I wanted to see him, I should go to the hospital the following day. I said they should allow me to see what had happened to him but they refused. I asked again what they meant by asking me to go and identify the body, they said I should just leave everything till the following day.

"I called all my pastors that night and explained what I was told to them and asked them to pray for me. The following

morning the pastors came and said they would go to the hospital to see him. I wanted to go with them but they said no, they would go alone. When they came back they said my son was dead and that he was stabbed.

"My son was an easy going young man. He was so caring, loving and humble and very helpful. He did not have problem with anybody. I have asked many questions since the incident and I could not place who he could have had any problem with.

He had his own private