

# Assailants hack Ogun market women leader to death

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**T**he Iyaloja-General of Ijebuland, Alhaja Sadia Elewaju was on Wednesday hacked to death by unknown assailants at her residence in the Sabo-Molode area of Ijebu-Ode, Ogun State.

Daily Sun gathered that six unidentified men armed with machetes had at about 3:00pm on Wednesday stormed the residence of the 82-year-old woman and hacked her to death inside the bungalow.

The octogenarian was reportedly rushed to the Olabisi Onabanjo University Teaching Hospital (OOUTH), Sagamu, where she was given first aid before being referred to the General

Hospital, Ikeja, Lagos State where she later died.

Witnesses who pleaded anonymity said that the assailants did not take away any of the market leader's personal belongings during the attack.

The witnesses, who expressed fears said that the killing of the octogenarian, who until her murder was a political activist in the state, might have been politically motivated. A witness insisted that the late Iyaloja was an outspoken person who usually stood her ground on all issues.

"She was very popular in the political circles; even the house she lived in was given to her by former Ogun State governor, Otunba Gbenga Daniel. She stood her ground on any matter and to her credit, she has championed

many causes for women, especially the market women," he said.

In his reaction to the killing of the market leader, the immediate past senator for Ogun East Senatorial District, Alhaji Adegbenka Kaka prayed that God should forgive her her sins and grant her eternal rest.

Kaka who was one the sympathisers who thronged Elewaju's Ijebu Ode residence to sign the condolence register, also prayed that God should give the market men and women in Ijebuland the fortitude to bear the irreparable loss.

He wrote in the condolence register: "We all come from God and verily we shall all return to Him. Only we do not know the circumstance. May God forgive mama her sins and grant her Aljanah

Firdaus. May Allah grant the market men and women the fortitude to bear the painful loss."

The daughter of the first civilian governor of Ogun State, Chief Bukky Onabanjo who also paid a condolence visit to the Elewaju said that the late market women leader would be sorely missed.

Onabanjo who was also the immediate past chairman of the state Teaching Service Commission (TESCOM) added that she would also be missed for her valuable advice. According to her, "What does one say in a situation such as this? God rest your soul. Oluwa a de l'fun yin. You deserve to sleep peacefully and you will. I will miss you greatly, your wisdom, your wit, your advice. Mama, sun re o."

## Lagos Igbo leaders reject Boko Haram