

Landlord's son kills blind tenant over rent

From Emmanuel Uzor, Abakaliki

A blind woman has been killed by her landlord's son in Ebonyi State during a quarrel over payment of rent.

The victim, Mrs Hellen Anyigor, met her untimely death

when her landlord's son (name withheld), allegedly hit her in the head during a disagreement over her rent.

The incident which happened at Effium, Ohaukwu Council Area of the state, has thrown the community into mourning.

Daily Sun gathered that the deceased, popularly known as mama Arinze and her co-tenants were issued quit notice to vacate the premises because of their inability to pay rent.

It was gathered that while others vacated, Anyigor refused, a situation that got the

son of her landlord angry.

The suspected killer, it was gathered has been arrested and is now helping the police in their investigation..

The suspect, who just returned from Lagos allegedly met the woman in her room with a wood and ordered her to

come out of the room to enable him lock it which she refused.

The angry young man was said to have hit her in the head. She was said to have sustained fatal injuries and fell on the ground.

Sympathisers, who were attracted to the scene, rushed the victim to a private hospital in Abakaliki for medical attention, but the hospital referred them to a hospital in Enugu, but the deceased died on the way to Enugu.

One of the former tenants in the compound said "we kept having problem with our landlord over house rent and it persisted until some of us vacated.

"But Helen did not leave and I don't blame her because she was a poor woman; she has no source of income except begging for alms.

"Her son, Arinze, usually move her in different places including, outside the community just to make sure she gets something to eat".

The State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), ASP George Okafor, confirmed the incident and disclosed that the suspect has been arrested by the police and that autopsy would be conducted on the deceased to ascertain the cause of her death.

Navy trains 40 marine police officers

By Phillip Nwosu

TO curb crime within the inland waterways, 40 officers of the Nigeria Police Force drawn from the Marine police have commenced training on Basic Marine Opera-

tions, protection of pipelines against vandals and crude oil theft at the Naval Training Command

The course, which would last for 12 weeks, according to the Naval Training Command is targeted at develop-

ing capacity for marine and riverine operations for the police personnel drawn from the marine unit of the Nigerian Police.

The personnel on training include 14 assistant superintendents of police, six inspec-

tors, seven sergeants and 13 corporals.

Speaking while inaugurating the course, the Flag Officer Commanding, Naval Training Command, Rear Admiral Adeniyi Osinowo, said the business of the training wing of the Nigerian Navy is to impart requisite skill necessary for the promotion of proficiency among personnel.

He said: "Nigeria's maritime domain remains a strategic asset with enormous

Police rescue two from kidnappers

