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by the situation that has paralysed economic activities.

## Teacher beheads pupil over unpaid 2 months salary

FROM **SEGUN OLATUNJI**,  
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A man, Edet Umoren on Thursday in Esugbo, Itamerin near Ijebu-Ife, Ijebu East Local Government Area of Ogun State allegedly beheaded the 10-year-old grand-daughter of the proprietor of the school where he was teaching for allegedly owing him two months salary.

Umoren allegedly armed with a machete, also severed the right hand of Precious Adedeji after seizing and dragging her into a nearby bush, where he murdered the 10-year-old girl, a day after her 10th birthday.

The assailant also said to be the treasurer of the school proprietor's church, was alleged to have laid ambush and attacked the proprietress who had gone outside the school premises in company of Precious and her friend, Patricia to buy biscuit.

The proprietress, the victim and her friend were on their way back to the school when Umoren allegedly pounced on them, seized Precious and dragged her into the nearby bush.

Patricia who escaped from the scene was said to have run back to the school premises to inform the proprietor of the attack by "uncle Edet."

The proprietor of the school,

Pastor Joseph Olutoye, said he had pleaded with Umoren to give him till the end of this week to enable him settle the salary arrears owed him.

Pastor Olutoye expressed shock at Umoren's action, disclosing that the teacher left two short notes at the scene of the crime claiming that he committed the crime because of the failure of the proprietor to pay him his two months salary of N8000.

According to the proprietor, "Edet assumed duties this morning (Thursday) like every of our staff and we discovered that he left around 10am not knowing he went to plan this evil".

The distraught Olutoye said he had planned to sack the teacher on Friday over alleged disobedience, which made him issue a query before he committed the crime.

According to him, the teacher, who until the incident was the treasurer of his church had allegedly stolen over N250,000 from the church fund.

Confirming the incident, the state Police Public Relations Officer, Muyiwa Adejobi said that the teacher had been arrested for the alleged crime.

Adejobi, a deputy superintendent of police said security operatives picked up the suspect at 5:00am on Friday.

## Fire razes Police Barracks in Lagos

BY **CHRISTOPHER OJI**

**FIRE** yesterday razed five flats in Police Barracks at Panti, Yaba, Lagos. Although no life was lost, property worth several millions of Naira was burnt.

A witness, Lekan Jamiu said the fire started raging in the afternoon and residents tried to put it out but could not until the arrival of the fire service.

Lekan said if not for the quick intervention of the fire Service, the entire Barracks would have been razed.

He said "Really about six flats were burnt. I know of four flats that were completely burnt without the occupants salvaging any of their property. My friend lost everything and he just moved in few months ago."

As at press time, combined team of both the State and Federal fire services were battling to out the fire.

The State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) Dolapo Badmos confirmed the incident.

As at press time, occupants of the burnt flats were still counting their losses while heavily armed Policemen were at the scene to prevent hoodlums from looting the property of those who parked them outside for fear of the fire escalating to their flats.



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