

compound with a machete. Immediately they saw me, the one holding the machete

tim who happened to be around when the attack occurred disclosed to *Sunday Sun*

myself. As the people who saw what was going on started shouting, that was when

rushed to the hospital.

He collaborated all that his mother and younger brother narrated.

Pathetic: Man dies in accident one week after marriage

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FOR 29-year old Florence Eze, a native of Umunaga Uburu in Ohaozara Local Government Area of Ebonyi State, April 18, 2016 will ever remain green in her mind for its cruelty to her.

It was the day death took her husband away in the most tragic way. They had been married for only one week, when death came calling and snatched 33-year old Eze Chukwu Aja, a youth leader of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in his ward. The couple had co-habited for some years during which they bore three children. He had gone to complete the marriage rites to Florence, one week before his tragic death.

The pain caused by his demise was made worse as death denied him the joy of witnessing the birth of a set of twin daughters by his wife, Florence, who was heavily pregnant at the time of the marriage ceremony in April.

With tears in her eyes, Florence recalled how that day broke like a stillbirth for her family. "That particular day, he went to work on his motorcycle. His job was to load sand onto tippers. He normally leaves the house around 5:00am. When he went out that day, he could not get any job to do. So, he came back home. But when he tried to start his bike, it refused to start.

"He got a mechanic to check the motorcycle and he was told that the problem

Wife delivers twins, pleads for assistance



Widow and kids

could not be fixed immediately. The motorbike was rolled back home. All the while, when he came back, he was just lying down on the bed. After some time, he decided to go and fix the bike. He went out, fixed it and came home around 5:00pm.

"When he returned, he asked me to go to the market and prepare something for him to eat. I started the motorcycle myself, and together we rode it to the market. We parked somewhere and I went inside the

market to buy some foodstuff. I had not picked up to two things from the market when I heard people shouting.

"When I rushed out of the market, I heard people saying that my husband had an accident; that he was hit by a bicycle. He was not hit by a car or even a motorbike; people said one small child hit him with a bicycle. According to what people said, he was making way for the bicycle when he fell down. In an effort to get up, the bicycle then hit him. He fell into the

gutter and broke his head. People were there and ready to take him to hospital, but he died immediately. He didn't get a chance to be taken to hospital. My husband just died like that," she wailed.

"We just had our traditional marriage on a Sunday and this thing happened eight days after. We already had three children before we went to conclude the marriage rites with my people. I was also delivered of a set of twin baby girls recently. So, altogether, I have five children. I don't know how I can cope. I don't have any means of livelihood for now. It was my husband that was providing for our every need. Now that he is no more, I don't know who to run to. The whole thing is still like a dream to me. I don't know how I am going to take care of these children all by myself," she said, her pain palpable.

Faced with this predicament, Florence has made passionate appeal for financial assistance from well-spirited Nigerians to enable her start a business, to cater for the children.

"I am also begging our brother and governor, Dr. David Umahi and his wife; they should please come to my rescue. I don't have any other person to run to. I don't know where else to go. It was this my husband that was taking care of all of us. They should please have pity on me and my children," Florence pleaded earnestly.