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## ...teenager too By Christopher Oji

A tenant has killed a neighbour at Omotoye Estate, Orile, Agege, Lagos.

It was gathered that the tenants, Ebenezer Akpu and Monday Eze were quarreling over an undisclosed matter.

The quarrel degenerated into a heated argument which later snowballed into serious fight.

A witness, Chibuike Anya, said: "As Akpu and Eze were quarreling, we tried to separate them, but they refused to stop fighting.

"As we were settling the fight, Eze ran out and resurfaced with a cutlass which he used in attacking Akpu. We ran for cover and later came back and met Akpu on the ground.

"We rushed him to the hospital. Unfortunately, he died on the way.

The State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) Dolapo Badmos, said the case was reported by one Gozie

55 was attacked with machete by one Monday.

She said the victim died on the way to the hospital and the body deposited at the Mainland Hospital.

She said the case has been transferred to the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID), Panti.

In another development, a teenage footballer killed another at the Okota area of the metropolis.

It was gathered that two groups were playing a football match at Okota area, when suddenly the game turned into a theatre of war.

It was gathered that during the fracas, a young boy, Kayode Babayanju, stabbed Michael Tanko in his stomach with a broken bottle.

A witness Biola Awofisibe said: "After stabbing him, Babayanju took to his heel. We rushed Tanko to the hospital, but he died on the way."

Badmos who confirmed the incident said the death occurred at Oseni Laide street, OKota.

## Death of 10-year-old rape victim

From: TONY JOHN, Port Harcourt

RIVERS State chapter of the International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA), has urged judges and magistrates in the state to refuse attempt by any person or group to get bail for one Aligoni, who is currently remanded in prison custody.

Aligoni, a kiosk owner at Rumuibekwe Housing Estate, in Port Harcourt, has been remanded in Prisons custody by a Chief Magistrate's Court in Port Harcourt, over alleged defilement at gunpoint

of a 10-year-old girl, Glory Opara, in at the Estate, February this year.

The victim, who died at the weekend, was said to have later developed medical complications, which led to her death.

A FIDA member, Adah Nnendah, who is handling the matter, expressed fears that relatives of the accused person could have their way and smuggle him out of custody to evade prosecution.

Nnendah appealed to Nigerians to give their supports to FIDA to get justice for the deceased.

She said: "This is not the first case. There was a case in which an

The family members and residents said the ease with which the kidnappers carried out their operation pointed to an insider's job.

"The way and manner they arrived the palace, took up strategic positions and how they moved to the Oba's main house suggest they had information on when to strike.

One of the Oba's daughters said: "The kidnappers worked on information from an insider. It would have been very difficult to abduct Kabiyesi if they had met him in the parlour.

"Whoever gave them the information knows my dad's movement and the surroundings because how they escaped by finding their way to the creek at

ing at the Lagos State University Teaching Hospital (LASUTH) and that she successfully underwent operation to remove the bullets.

However, a family source revealed that the Nigerian Army has moved into the matter, with a view to assisting the police in the rescue operation

A family source told Daily Sun that: "One of his sons, who is an Army Major has brought in soldiers to assist in the rescue mission of his father.

The state Police Public Relation Officer (PPRO), Dolapo Badmos said: "We cannot confirm whether or not the kidnappers have contacted the police, but with our strategy, we know

part with money."

The Lagos State Police Commissioner, Fatai Owoseni yesterday visited the abducted monarch family and met with the immediate past Iba local government chairman and also one of the daughters of Oba Oseni.

The CP arrived the palace at 1.35pm and met with two of the children, Prince Hakeem Oseni and Princess Ramota Oseni for about five minutes and also two of the wives as well as with some traditional chiefs of the community to sympathise with them on the incident.

The Lagos state police boss was conducted round the palace, especially the sitting room where the abduction started, the sur-

## FIDA warns against bail for accused person

Hausa man also defiled a little girl, and was remanded. I did not know how he got a bail and ran away to God knows where. Till now, we have not seen him, and the matter has been suspended.

"This is the reason I am calling on all Nigerians to speak up for late Opara to ensure Aligoni was not admitted to bail by any means. Why I am saying this is because, some people may want to go outside jurisdiction to get him released on bail.

"Please, let no Judge or Magistrate anywhere in the state, grant bail to this murder suspect,

for the sake of the soul of the innocent little girl.

"Let the entire Nigerians, rally round FIDA and let us give justice to this girl. She died as a result of complications she developed from the rape.

"Prior to the rape incident, Opara was healthy and completely sound. But was never herself after the rape until she died over the weekend.

"From the time the

swollen was noticed and FIDA stepped into the matter, she has been in and out of hospital. The records are there, and surprisingly, her case defied medical treatment, and not as a result of lack of fund as being claimed in some quarters.

"FIDA is insisting that Aligoni should not be allowed to go scot-free for the untimely death of 10-year-old Opara. The law should be allowed to take its course."