Bizarre: Man kills wife, commits suicide

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confusion and pandemonium pervaded Mgbaleze Isu, Onicha Council area of Ebonyi state when the bodies of one Chijioke Ani and his wife, Ngozi were found at a farm. According to investigation, the manner their bodies were found suggested murder and suicide.

While the body of the man was found dangling on a tree, his wife's body was found on the ground in the pool of her blood.

Although, the true cause of their deaths could not be ascertained as at press time, some villagers said the man killed his wife and commit-

ted suicide when he realised the weight of his crime.

According to Chief Sylvanus Ani, the couple was seen last on their way to the farm

"Both of them went to the farm and did not return home. At a time everyone was disturbed, so we informed other villagers who mobilised themselves in search of the couple. They finally found them. Ngozi was lying dead in her pool of blood with marks of violence all over her body while Ani was found hanging on a tree"

Also speaking, Hycinth Ogbonnaya and Okechukwu Jude said the entire villagers were still in shock about the incident.

When contacted, the state Police Public Relations Officer, (PPRO), George Okafor, confirmed the incident.

He said the man may have killed the wife and killed himself.

Lagos task force demolishes 235 shops

By Christopher Oji

NO fewer than 235 shops and 125 container make-shift market stalls were demolished by Lagos State Task Force on Environment and Related Crimes at the weekend.

The shop owners were said to have been given due notice before the final demolition by the task force led by Superintendent of Police, Olayinka Egbeyemi.

The agency called on market leaders to enforce government directives on high tension cables across the state.

Egbeyemi, spoke while supervising the demolition exercise carried out by his operatives where more than 235 illegal shops and 125 containers were demolished at Igbara market, Jakande, along Lekki-Epe express road.

He said the demolition exercise embarked upon by the government should not be seen as punitive but to be viewed from Governor Akinwunmi Ambode's efforts to save lives and property.