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From NOAH EBIJE, Kaduna

LOOK at those raindrops falling from the azure. Heaven is weeping for her tragic exit. Watch those birds doing acrobatics and flapping their wings as they flew across the sky. They too are in deep sorrow over her death. See those women rolling on the ground and wailing their hearts out and men snapping their fingers in anguish. They are united in mourning the untimely exit of Mrs. Rebecca Shakarau Uchissa.

The 39-year-old civil servant working with a primary health centre, Saminanka, in Kaduna State, had travelled all the way from the sleepy town located in Lere Local Government Area of Kaduna State, without any hitch, to see her elder brother, Mr. Ende Umar Okah, under whose care her children are schooling in Kaduna.

2 The following day, August 13, 2017, she left Kaduna enroute Zaria to visit a friend who had just been delivered of a baby before going back to Saminanka. That was the last time her three children, Alheri, Hajara and Musa as well as her elder brother, Ende, set eyes on her alive. The next news they heard two days after she left Kaduna was that she had been killed, murdered in a cold blood.

How it happened

Shock, disbelief and grief