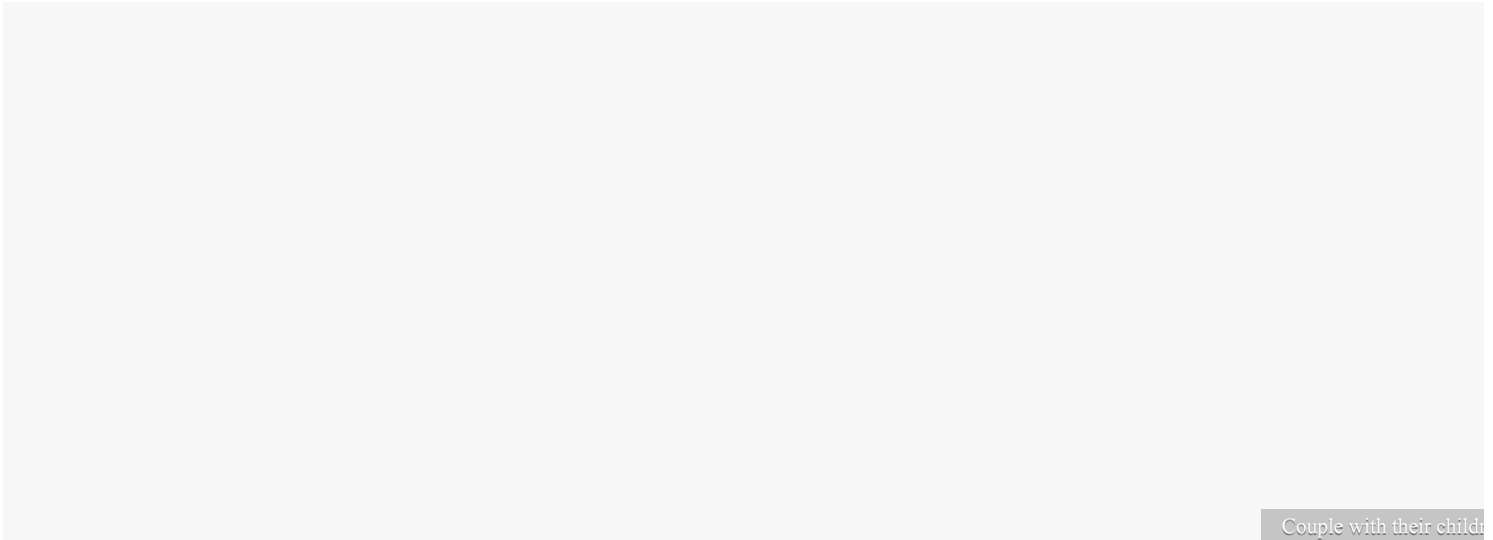


Mother of man killed in domestic scuffle by Man-O'-War cries out for justice

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Friday, November 23, 2018 will ever remain indelible in the heart of Mrs Mercy John, whose son, 38 year-old Edwin John, was killed by operatives of the Man-O'-War, a paramilitary group, during a domestic squabble between the deceased and his wife. In her narration of the terrible chain of events of that led to the death of her son, she said that few hours after John called and alerted her that his wife and mother-in-law had threatened to kill him, he was stabbed to death.

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Mercy told *Sunday Sun* that the wife of her son, Mercy Jeremiah, allegedly invited two Man-O'-War officials to settle a domestic quarrel between her and her husband. Somehow the peace effort went tragically wrong and a scuffle ensued between the operatives and Edwin, who was then fatally stabbed by them. John's wife, Mercy Jeremiah and the operatives were promptly arrested and now being held in custody at the State Criminal Investigation and Intelligence Department (SCIID), Panti, Yaba, Lagos, where they are telling detectives how they killed the young man.

Giving a graphic account on how her son was killed, Mercy John, who incidentally bears the same name with her daughter-in-law said: “I will never forget that fateful Friday night. I wish the hand of the clock would be turned back. I was about going to bed about 11 pm when my son, Edwin, called me on the phone, and told me that his life was in danger. I was afraid and asked what the problem was. He told me that his wife and mother-in-law had threatened to kill him.

“I waved it off with my left hand because I found it funny to believe that kind of threat. More so, it was too late to risk my life as I would not be able to get a commercial motorcycle (okada) to take me to his house. So, I begged him to be calm and maintain peace till the following day, assuring him that that I would visit him so that we would resolve the problem between him and his wife.

“The following day, which was Saturday, I left very early for my son’s house which is not too far from my house. When I arrived the compound, I saw my grandchildren, Nelson and Queen, being cared for by one of their neighbours. They did not rush to embrace me as they used to do. When I met them, I asked why they were outside, and Nelson told me that they were asked to stay with their neighbour.”