



THE BABY

FATHER FROM HELL HOW MAN SLAUGHTERED 9-MONTH-OLD BABY

Says God asked him to sacrifice her

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HIS name is Emmanuel Depuun Nyitoy, not Abraham. Yet he claim to have heard the voice of God asking him to go into the bush and sacrifice his daughter to Him. "Let us sacrifice our today so that our children can have a better tomorrow," advised Avul Pakir Jainulabdeen Abdul Kalam, former President of India (2002-2007). But for Nyitoy, nobody knows whether "God" spoke to him or not. And, even if a voice spoke to him; whose voice was it: God, as he claimed in his confessional statement to the police or Satan? But had the 23-year-old old farmer from Abaji, Mbanoor,

Shangev-Tiev in Konshisha Local Government listened to the saner voice of Abdul Kalam, he wouldn't have had any cause to slaughter his nine-month baby girl, Senenge, in cold blood, like he did. He wouldn't have sacrificed his "better tomorrow", for that is what every child is, to his or her parents, so that he might have today. And, from the look of things, now that the matter has become a police/court case, he may not even have today; no matter what he assumed that today to be.

How the deed was done

When the news initially broke

out, some weeks ago, newspaper reports had it that the man was a ritualist and had used the blood and body of the baby to perform some rites. But an investigation by our correspondent who has been following the story shows that the man seems to be mentally unstable, a fact confirmed by his relatives who spoke on the matter to the police. All the same, his blood-chilling act has left his young wife in shock and deep sorrow from which only God knows when she will recover.

Narrating to *Saturday Sun*, how he took the life of his child, Nyitoy, the killer-father who is now in custody after his first ap-

pearance in court, said that on that fateful day, something told him the day had come for him to make good his promise to sacrifice to God and the sacrificial lamb that came to his mind was his nine-month-old baby.

"I came back home at about 8:10pm that Wednesday and met the baby crying while my wife was trying to pacify her. I collected her from my wife and went out of the house on the pretext that I was going to pacify her.

"I then took her to a bush somewhere at the back of the house and wasted no time in slaughtering her with a knife in fulfillment of my promise of sacrifice to God. As I was slitting her throat, she kept crying in pain. But even though I felt pity for her, all that was in my mind was that I had been able to fulfill my promise of



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