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Family gang-up

Wife, children, boyfriend beat husband to death

•Angry villagers burn woman's home

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Tragedy struck in Ikpamodo Village, Enugu-Ezike in Igbo-Eze North Local Government Area of Enugu State last weekend when a housewife, (names withheld), her three children and the woman's boyfriend, allegedly beat the husband to death.

The deceased was a popular bicycle repairer in the town. He was a Catholic.

His offence: The late bicycle repairer was accused by his widow of disturbing her with his early morning prayers. The widow is a native doctor.

A family source told Daily Sun that the woman, had allegedly been tormenting her husband and even built her own house, demarcating her husband's compound with a big fence.

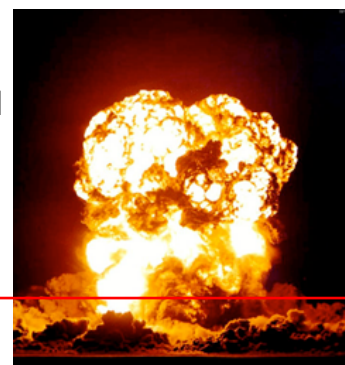


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On the day, the man was murdered, she was said to have told her husband that she was not comfortable with the manner in which he had been disturbing her charms by saying long prayers every morning. But the husband, a devout Roman Catholic, told her that he had never supported her practice as a native doctor.

A serious argument ensued between them which led to physical attack. Another man, said to be her boyfriend, who is also a native doctor, was alleged to have joined her in attacking the deceased. The man's children rushed to the scene and instead of separating their parents, allegedly assisted in beating their father with sticks and logs of wood. The man slumped and died. Sensing that her husband had died, the widow, her children as well as her "external husband" took to their heels, abandoning the man's body..

Neighbours and villagers arrived the scene. They took the body to the Ogrute General Hospital, but the doctor confirmed him dead. His body was later deposited at the hospital's mortuary. The matter was reported at Ogrute police station. The suspects were promptly detained before being transferred to the state Criminal Investigation Department (CID),

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Enugu. There was tension in the community. The youths organized themselves and set the six-room apartment of the widow ablaze.

One of the irate youths who spoke to our reporter, but did not want to be named, said: "This is an abomination in our community. Nobody has ever committed such sacrilege. That is the reason we decided to take the law into our own hands and burn her building to serve as a deterrent to any other person who may try such evil act again" When our reporter visited Ikpamodo community yesterday, the man had been buried even as normalcy is gradually returning there.

The Divisional Police Officer (DPO) for Ogrute Division, Buulus Maaji, was not available for comments when our reporter visited the station. The Police Public Relations Officer, state command, Ebere Amaraizu, said on phone that he was yet to be officially briefed on the incident.

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