

Policeman's wife stabs eight-month-old baby

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- **Mother kills two sons**

Wife of a police sergeant serving in the Ebonyi State Police Command has reportedly stabbed her eightmonth- old baby boy. This came as another woman, Mrs. Chinasa Oriz, allegedly hacked her two sons to death at Osumenyi Street, Omegba Phase II, Onitsha, Anambra State.

The Ebonyi State incident occurred at Police Barracks, Abakaliki, the state capital, while the baby boy was currently receiving treatment at the Accident and Emergency Unit of the Federal Teaching Hospital, Abakaliki (FETHA). The woman, said to have mental illness, allegedly stabbed the baby with a kitchen knife which stuck into his abdomen. A doctor at FETHA, who did not want her name in print, said the baby was brought into the emergency ward with the knife still stuck in his stomach while he had lost a lot of blood.

But the FETHA Chief Medical Director (CMD), Dr. Emeka Ogar, said the baby had been operated upon and the surgery was successful. He, however, expressed shock over the incident. When contacted, the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Jude Madu, said full details concerning the incident were still being awaited. He noted that the suspect was a mentally unstable wife of a serving policeman in the command. Madu disclosed that the baby had undergone a successful surgery and the knife had been removed from his stomach. The PPRO also disclosed that baby's mother had been taken to the psychiatric hospital.

Oriz, it was learnt, murdered her five-year-old and 11-monthold sons. A witness said the woman, who had been having a running battle with her husband, was praying in her sitting room before she suddenly rose up and beat her

fiver-year-old child with a plank and later hit him with a hammer.

Thereafter, Oriz went to breastfeed the second baby only to discover he had also died. After she realised what had happened, Oriz raised the alarm. The young woman told the bewildered crowd that while she was praying, a spirit came out from the picture of her mother-in-law on the wall and a voice told her to hit the spirit with a hammer because the evil spirit was responsible of the strained relationship between her and her husband.

She said: “As the voice continued giving me the message, I reached for the plank and used it on the spirit not knowing it was my son. The voice urged me to go for a hammer inside my room; I quickly got the hammer and finally clubbed him to death.

“Then the voice said yes, it is your son that you clubbed to death. When I realised what I did, in tears, I rushed to my little baby who was crying. As I tried in vain to breast feed her I realised that he was also dead.” When our correspondent got to the scene, the crowd was surging towards the family house while policemen from Inland Police Station, Onitsha, whisked the woman away. Bodies of the children were taken to the mortuary.

When contacted, the state Police Public Relations Officer, Mrs. Nkiru Nwodo (ASP), said the matter was reported to Inland Town Police Station by a concerned citizen. She added that the woman had been arrested.