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Rivers: Suspected cultists abduct, rape mother of 2 to death

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Suspected members of Iceland cult group have abducted and raped one Mrs. Chigbewejim Steward, a mother of two to death few hours after abducting her from Abarikpo Community in Ahoda East Local Government Area of Rivers State.

Mrs. Steward, who is the wife of a pastor, was abducted at the wee hours of Sunday February 12, 2023 and was found dead some hours later in Abarikpo with multiple injuries and blood in her private part.

The husband of the deceased, Pastor Lawyer Steward, an assistant pastor with Seventh Day Adventist Church, Abarikpo, who spoke with journalists, appealed to the government to arrest the perpetrators of the dastardly act and bring them to justice.

He said: "I am the husband of the late Chigbejim Lawyer, who was murdered by some group of boys after raping her. I am not a cultist; I am an Assistant Pastor in charge of Evangelism in Seventh Day Adventist Church, Abarikpo. Everybody in my community knows I am not a cultist.

"She gave birth to three children one is late. The surviving ones are aged seven, a female and the male aged three years.

"I am telling the government that those who murdered my wife should be brought to justice. Though one Aka Sunday, a cultist claimed he slaughtered my wife that my wife talked against him, that people told him my wife always talked against him. The said Sunday is a cultist that is the reason he murdered her.

"We have been having series of killing in Akoh. When they kill nobody goes after the bad boys. No security people go after the bad boys. No political leader goes after the

issue. People are afraid. Whether you report or not what will happen will happen.

"So, people are living in fear. The killing of the woman is not cult related, because she is a married woman. Late last year we witnessed eleven killings in that community. The eleven killings last year, a member of one of the cult groups went to their camp and collected the AK 47 of their master and ran away to their community at Abarikpo, only for the cult leader to send his boys to waste eleven innocent lives and till today no investigation, no action was taken by the police, nothing."

Meanwhile, Centre for Basic Rights Protection and Accountability Campaign has condemned the abduction and rape to death of Mrs Lawyer.

Prince Wiro, National Coordinator of the group called on the Police to ensure that its full weight is brought on the perpetrators.

Two victims take 0

Adeyinka Adeniji

Two victims of failed agricultural investment schemes have petitioned the nation's anti-graft agency, the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) over the refusal of a Lagos-based property development company, Oxfordgold Integrated Limited, to honor agreements and avail them of their investments and interest as agreed after the expiration of the duration of the said investment.

Oxfordgold, a Lagos-based property investment has been in the eye of the storm over running battles against numerous distraught investors for failure to fulfill their promises in an agricultural investment scheme.

The petition dated February 1, 2023, a copy of which was made available to newsmen, over the weekend also revealed that efforts by the victims for amicable way to