

Police sue for peace in woman's controversial death, say there're procedures for exhumation

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The Assistant Inspector General of Police (IGP) Zone 17, comprising Ondo and Ekiti states, has appealed to aggrieved children of Mrs Kehinde Hannah Bodunde, over the mysterious death of the woman.

The zonal AIG, Mr Ajani Omolabi, said his office was aware of the petition over the mysterious death of the woman and the court cases over the matter, but said the family should sheath their swords pending the outcome of the court's decision.

The eldest son of a deceased woman, Oluwafemi Ojo, has raised an alarm over the mysterious death of his mother, and an effort to conceal the cause of the death by other siblings.

The deceased, Mrs Kehinde Hannah Bodunde, was said to have died after an undisclosed sickness in the early part of the year. However, Ojo suspected that his mother must have been used for ritual.

Speaking with reporters, Ojo dis-

closed that some of his siblings have suspiciously kept their sick mother away from him, the firstborn, and the only daughter of Mrs Yetunde, and the whole family, for three years in their house in Afunbiowo, Idanre Road in Akure, the Ondo State capital.

He said the mysterious death of his mother was announced on January 13, as his siblings also kept her remains away from the entire family.

Ojo said that the Deji in Council had earlier intervened and respectfully ruled on April 24, 2025, that First Mercy Hospital, Akure, should not release the corpse to the two men without the unanimous agreement of him, his elder sister, and his mother's family.

He said that the Deji in Council also ruled that the corpse should not be buried in their father's house at Idanre, but unfortunately, they flouted Deji's order.

Ojo said that when sensing foul play, the case was charged to the Akure Magistrates Court, which gave an order that the mortuary must not release the corpse to the

siblings.

He said that the family lawyer, Mr Femi Emodamori, on May 6, 2025, wrote a petition to the Area Commander, Fanibi Area Command in Akure, for alleged stealing and ritual mutilation of Bodunde's remains.

'Yahoo boy' jailed, forfeit

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In a judgment that underscores the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission's (EFCC) intensified crackdown on cybercrime, Justice Abimbola Awogboro of the Federal High Court, Ilorin, the Kwara State capital, has sentenced a 23-year-old serial Internet fraudster, Adebisi Emmanuel Olalekan, to 24 months imprisonment without the option of fine.

Olalekan, a native of Omuo-Ekiti in Ekiti East Local Government Area of Ekiti State, was convicted after he was found guilty