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'How We Killed 8 Months Pregnant Woman'

The long arms of the law finally caught up with three members of a gang of four kidnapers who on Tuesday, May 3, 2011 snuffed life out of a 28 year old pregnant woman, Kemi Simon, who until her untimely death was the Secretary, International School of Merchant Seaman, Lokoja, Kogi State.

When the Police Commissioner in Kogi State, Mr. John Amanam Abrakasanga yesterday paraded 28 other suspected criminal along with the three suspects, the trio of Godswill Essien Akpan (the driver and mastermind), Hope Asuquo and Ita Paul and Godson aka One Love (now

From Shola Oyeyipo

in Lokoja

at large) – all from Akwa Ibom who were invited by the driver to perpetrate the crime, they all confessed that though they did not intend to kill Kemi but that she died during kidnap operation.

He claimed that he was outside on guard while his invited accomplices were carrying out the operation inside and that they hurriedly came out demanding that they leave the premises. He added that efforts to ask them about the woman who was to be kidnapped did not yield result as his friends

insisted that they run away with the GMC jeep, which he claimed One Love eventually went away with.

According to him, the kidnap flopped when the gang attempted to silence the screaming Kemi by stuffing clothes in her mouth, which suffocated her and ultimately led to her death.

Akpan, who was recruited on a N20, 000 monthly salaries carted away the sum of N250, 000 and drove away a GMC jeep with registration number BL 532 KUJ that is yet to be found, said he invited his collaborators with the intent to kidnap his boss' wife and demand N3million ransom.

However, according to the

Police press release, the three apprehended suspects are faced with criminal conspiracy, culpable homicide and theft since they went to the apartment of late Kemi, attacked and strangled

her to death in her apartment at 500 Housing Units, near Rock Garden Hotel, Lokoja and carted away money.

The death of Kemi, a graduate of University of Jos and from

Egbe in Yagba West Local Government Area of the state in the hand of Akpan and his group was indeed a shock as she was said to have accommodated and fed him as a blood brother.

NADECO Returns, Advocates SNC

By Omololu Ogunmade

National Democratic Coalition (NADECO) formally returned to the trenches yesterday with a renewed and urgent call for the constitution of a Sovereign National Conference (SNC), to resolve the national question.

The group said the convocation of SNC had become imminent in view of the recent

convocation of SNC at such a time like this is non-negotiable unless the Federal Government is prepared to witness civil disobedience from different ethnic nationalities which it said have been fed up with Nigeria's current structure. The meeting which also had in attendance a

In an address presented at the session, the group said: "By uncanny coincidence, it is not only May again, it is also the 17th anniversary of NADECO as it is also an election year in which an election, largely hailed as free and fair has again delivered a candidate of Nigerians' choosing: Goodluck Ebele Jonathan. Mayhem from a sec-