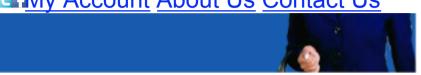
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The Ministry of Women Affairs, Social Development and Gender Empowerment has

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condemned the recent killing of a 70-year-old woman, Madam Rebecca Adewunmi, in Omuo Ekiti by youths who had accused her of being a witch.

The Commissioner for Women Affairs, Social Development and Gender Empowerment, Mrs. Fola Richie-Adewusi, in a statement made available to journalists in Ado-Ekiti, at the weekend, described the act as criminal, barbaric and a contravention of laid down laws in Ekiti State.

Richie-Adewusi who lamented that such an unfortunate incidence could still happen in this modern age, said it was sad that the old woman was killed based on alleged dream by a little girl that she had a hand in the illness of her stepson.

The commissioner also faulted the failure of the police to make any arrest since June 30 when the incident occurred, â€"just because some prominent leaders in the community reportedly advised them against wading into a witchcraft â€"case.

While noting that the signing into law of the Ekiti State Gender Based Violence Prohibition bill by Governor Kayode Fayemi last November had made such barbaric act a criminal matter in the state with great consequences, Richie-Adewusi called for the immediate arrest and prosecution of the perpetrators

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