

Man stabs brother to death over dad's property

By Jimitota Onoyume

PORT HARCOURT—TRAGEDY struck in Port Harcourt last Friday when a young man reportedly stabbed his half brother to death over a portion of their father's house. Wife of the deceased who spoke to the *Vanguard* amidst tears said her husband was killed by the half brother because he refused to let go his mother's inheritance in the father's compound.

According to her, she was in the room that day with her husband when some of his workers drove into the compound with his goods from Benin. He reportedly came out to see them and later went back inside to get money to pay the driver of the vehicle. "Suddenly we heard the half brother that was outside, demanding to know who parked the car there. Even when they told him the person came to see his brother he was still shouting. This made my husband to run out. As he was heading towards the scene I warned him to be careful of his brother."

"I was inside when I heard the sound of a broken bottle. I heard it again. As I was about rushing out, my husband was running in with blood all over his body. He collapsed on the

floor and immediately gave up the ghost. People later ran in to assist when they heard me wailing. They rushed him to the hospital where they were told he had died".

She explained that trouble started between the half brothers when one was asked to move out of the two rooms allocated to the mother. "My husband was living in two rooms. And his mother was living in the other two rooms. By Ikwerre tradition you do not take back a house that you give to your wife even after her death. My father-in-law wanted the house he gave to my husband's mother back now that she is no more, to give to his other children. But my husband reminded him of the tradition. This is the genesis of the whole problem."

She continued that the death was however reported to the police on the same day it happened. But when contacted for details, the DPO of Olu Obasanjo Police Station where the issue was reported to, referred our correspondent to the state Police PRO, Mrs. Baresua Ireju for any comment. On her part, PRO said she was yet to receive any signal on the alleged murder. Meanwhile, the father of the deceased also declined to speak with the *Vanguard* when contacted on his GSM line.

Police arrest two over human parts

By Gbenga Olarinoye

OSOGBO—A team of Police detectives of the Osun State Command has arrested two people for allegedly dealing in human parts.

Parading the suspects yesterday in Osogbo, the state Commissioner of Police, Alhaji Suleiman Fakai stated that the two suspects were arrested by Police anti-crime patrol team in Ikirun while on stop and search along Eko-Ajala/Ikirun road last Saturday.

According to him, nemesis caught up with the suspects as one of them riding a

bicycle suddenly entered into a ditch where the police were carrying out their duties and the bag containing the human parts fell off the bicycle.

The CP said that the Police on duty got attracted and ordered the suspects to open the bag where on search one spinal cord and ribs of human beings wrapped with a white cloth was found.

He stated that during interrogation, the suspects confessed that one Olayiwola Olayemi of Eko-Ajala gave him the contract to fetch the part for him, adding that this necessitated his going to Eko-Ajala River to remove the parts from a decomposing corpse.