

House boy kills 29-yr-old pregnant medical doctor in Edo

By Simon Ebegbulem

BENIN—A PREGNANT woman has been allegedly murdered by her house boy and some unknown persons at the Government Reservation Area (GRA) Benin.

Six persons including the house boy and the gateman, have been arrested by the police over the incident. The house boy has allegedly confessed that he participated in the brutal murder of the 29 year-old medical doctor.

The incident which occurred weekend, created panic in the area as sympathizers who throng the residence of the deceased where seen in groups discussing the incident wondering who may be the next victim since that same style of murder had happened in the same Crescent two years ago.

Vanguard learnt that the suspect and others who are yet unknown, murdered Dr. Esosa Ogbeide-Ihama, a medical doctor by profession in her room after cutting her artery and hid her lifeless body under her bed.

The husband of the deceased, Engr. Omoregie Ogbeide who narrated the incident to newsmen, said that "my wife lost all the blood in her body because they cut deep into the artery and the question now is that where did they take the blood to be-

cause we could not find the blood but the bucket which they used in carrying the blood was found.

"I spoke to my wife at about 6am that same day when I arrived Nigeria from London. In fact, I spoke to all of them in the house including the house boy because we live like one family. And my wife even told me that I should not come back unless I bought Arsenal jersey for the house boy (suspect) and when I started looking for where to buy the Jersey in Lagos before I got a call that my wife who I spoke

with that same morning has been murdered" he lamented.

Contacted, the state Police spokesman, ASP Peter Ogboi confirmed the incident, explaining that "we have arrested some of those involved in the murder and the house boy (Monday) has confessed that he participated in the killing. We have also recovered the instruments used in the murder and we are still investigating because we want to make sure that all those involved in this wicked act are brought to book. with out delay" he asserted.

Group seeks co-operation for release of deputy Speaker's dad

By Jimitota Onoyume

PORT HARCOURT—RIVERS people have been urged to volunteer information that would assist in the release of father of the Deputy Speaker of the state House of Assembly, Mr. Lawrence Nwile who was abducted last week by unknown gun men in his Bani ancestral home.

Secretary of the state Peace and Rehabilitation Committee, Mr Jerry Nedam who gave the appeal said the abduction was a sad commentary and very de-

moralizing. He expressed shock that such act could occur days after some youths of Khana local government publicly renounced acts of cultism and brigandage in the state.

While calling on the people of Ogoni to stand up to resist the culture of abduction that has swept through most areas in the Niger Delta Mr Jerry assured that his Committee would do everything possible to uncover those behind the abduction, adding that they would also put in effort to secure the release of the septuagenarian.