

Murder: Houseboy sponsored to get pregnant doctor's foetus, say police

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BENIN—THE Benin houseboy who allegedly murdered his master's pregnant wife recently may have been commissioned to do the job according to indications weekend.

Monday Okon, the agent that got him for the couple Moses Paul and the gateman, Mohammed Idris are currently in police detention for investigation into the matter.

They allegedly conspired to

murder the 29 year old medical doctor, Mrs. Esosa Ogbeida-Ihama at her Benin GRA residence three weeks ago.

Police sources told *Vanguard* that the detainees were promised N5 million by some men described as lawyers based in Port Harcourt to get them the foetus the lady was carrying, apparently for rituals.

One source said "some body went to the house and spent two days with out the woman knowing. That person was in the house persuading the house boy

to carry out the act. In fact, on the day the deed was done a motor bike was positioned some where outside the compound and after the murder, the bike man took away the blood. That was why no blood was found in the house even after it was discovered that the deceased lost all the blood in her system.

"Their plan was actually to operate upon the woman and remove her foetus and bury her some where outside the compound before the person from the woman's church visited and raised the alarm. That was what they wanted to do with the shovel we discovered with them. So we are on the trail of those lawyers involved in this because we learnt they came from Port-Harcourt."

Contacted, the state Police Spokesman, ASP Peter Ogboi told *Vanguard* on phone that he was out of town and would not know the latest development. He however said "what I know before I travelled was that Okon confessed that the agent who brought him to the house persuaded him to murder the woman. But I will check with the OC CID when I return to know the exact position."

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Bomadia and Burutu local government areas. The palaces of two royal fathers Asie Chaejine Oni and the Okpal-Ukwu of Utchi communities in Ndokwa East were destroyed in addition to other residential buildings, farmlands, economic crops, domestic animals in the endangered communities.

The Ijaw National Congress (INC), Western zone, led by Chief Samson Mamamu, weekend, appealed to the local, state and federal governments, relief

agencies, corporate bodies, Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and public-spirited individuals to come to the aid of the communities in the Ijaw nation that were submerged by the continuing destructive flood.

In Ndokwa, the affected residents at Obeche, Oboma, Owelle-Obalu, Umuochi, Okwumedo, Opata, Agweuchi, Agwu Umuochi, Awulu and Ukwu -Okwute were said to be squatting with relations.