

Witches killed Nigeria's first female Ambassador, Elizabeth Ogbon-Day— Heartbroken father, HRH Ogoni-Oghoro I

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OGONI-OLOMU- TWO years after the death of Nigeria's first Female Ambassador, late Mrs. Elizabeth Ogbon-Day, at 62 years, her love-sick father, the Ohworode (traditional ruler) of Olomu Kingdom in Delta State, HRM, Ovie Richard Layaiguen Ogbon, Ogoni-Oghoro I, JP, has agonizingly revealed that she was killed by witches.

Confession in the palace

The ninety-seven-year-old monarch ordained Royal Canon in the Anglican Communion, some years ago, spoke to *Niger Delta Voice* in his palace. He said one of the witches, a blood relation and members of her coven, who killed her, confessed her despicable role in his

palace.

"I cannot do anything, God has taken her away, in 2013, one of the great descendants of my father confessed here that she was part of those responsible for her death, she is a witch, she confessed here," he added.

I was the target

HRM Ogoni-Oghoro I said he (royal father) was the real target of the collection of witches, but when they could not get him because of the wall of fire built around him by God Almighty, they swung the death arrow to Elizabeth, who slumped in her house at Effurun, Uvwie Local Government Area of the state, May 10, 2012, and died before medical help could come to her.

Reminiscence

His words, "Now, incidentally what happened has happened,

it was a very great pain, her colleagues, even the ones I did not know all came, and today, if I watch television and see her peers, I remember her, but what can I do?

Wounded heart

"She mentioned some people, who have been my enemies and how they wanted to kill me, but connived together to kill my daughter, what can I do as a

Christian. If somebody says the incident did not wound my heart, it is a lie but what can I do? God has taken a decision but I know that one day, we shall meet in eternity," he said.

According to him, "Well, it is a very painful incident, it is a bitter pill given to me to swallow unexpectedly, God is supreme, without Him sanctioning something, it cannot happen, and in the Bible, it is said that there is time for everything, some people die young, some at old age."

Gone with her dream

"Perhaps for those who die young as it is said, those that God loves die young. My daughter, even in 1983 wanted to be the Governor of the defunct Bendel State then, I warned her not to go, as she was very young, but she was dogged in her vision. Without fighting, struggling and without a godfather, she was appointed the first female ambassador of Nigeria."

"I can assure you if I was not a Christian, what happened would have been worse, they wanted to wreak a catastrophic havoc, she was someone close, very dear and loving to me, but that is it. The most painful part of it is that for a long time she has been in USA, but this time she decided to come to be in Nigeria and work with fellow Nigerians," he asserted.

The monarch said, "She had been at Warri but she just relocated to Abuja with a view to be closer to the seat of power, and she told me categorically that after being in the USA and understanding democracy, that she will see what she could do to help fellow Nigerians, particularly the women. Witches did not allow her to fulfill her dream for the country."

Development Committee, CDC, youths and women of the community to brainstorm on the way out.

Our source said, "In the meeting, Parker humbly spoke to the community of the urgent need of the quarantine centre in preparation for any Ebola case in the state. He used the medium to sensitize the community on how to prevent Ebola."

"He promised to build another health centre for the community. He also promised to fund a temporary place where primary health activities will be on before the government completes the proposed health centre for the community," he added.

Niger Delta Voice was informed that it was after the consultations that the community acknowledged his promises and plea that the people accept that the Cottage Health Centre be used for the Rivers State EQW.

wholly accepted the decision, saying it was another form of development, others insisted that the location is dangerous, as it is not in an isolated place.

A member of the community's Electricity Committee, Mr. Iheanyi Ogwueli, told *Niger Delta Voice* that the first day government came to locate the centre in our village, without informing the community, the people resisted every of their attempt.

His words, "When we heard this, the paramount ruler summoned the whole community and sent message across to the Honourable Commissioner of Health, who came on Tuesday (August 26), with his entourage and the issue was resolved."

"Everybody agreed that they should use the health centre. The Commissioner then approved that the state government will build another health centre for the community

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*Iha Ominigbon/Oguega divination

Re- BENIN KINGDOM: How we court-martial, disarm witches —Edebiri, head of Bini witches

IN our August 26 edition, we published this photograph of Iha Ominigbon/Oguega divination with an erroneous caption, 'Esogban divining.'

We did not contemplate disrespect to the Esogban of Benin kingdom, Chief David Edebiri, who we hold in high esteem. The error is regretted

— Editor