

Woman dies hours to her wedding

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Sapele—A middle-aged mother of four, simply called Maggie, was said to have slumped and died just hours before her traditional marriage in the Ugbeide area of Mosogar, Delta State.

Maggie's partner had decided to pay the bride price after years of being together.

A source, who simply identified herself as Ofua, told *Vanguard* that the marriage was slated for February 15 and 16, and that they had even slaughtered a cow that will be used for the ceremony, when the bride suddenly clutched her chest and screamed.

Ofua said: "We were rushing her to the hospital when the car ran out of fuel and before we could get fuel, she gave up the ghost."

Those who knew the late woman, described her as a nice person, who was fond of saying nice words to everyone she met.

"She would greet you and ask of everybody including your husband and even your dog; we will miss her," said a woman who refused to disclose her name.

In a related issue, a 42-year-old transporter, simply called Monday, was killed in Oghara, Ethiope West Local Government Area of Delta State.

Vanguard learned that Mr. Monday and some persons from Mosogar in Ethiope West had gone to attend a burial in Oghara.

According to a source, Monday had decided to head home at about 2a.m. on Saturday morning, when, just after the bridge along Warri-Sapele high-way, a car intercepted the bus he was travelling in.

Some men, after identifying Monday, dragged him out and butchered him with an axe, while the rest passengers were allowed to go.