



• The building (scene of the incident)

# Murder at dawn!

## Widow hacked to death by unknown assailants

• How I found my mother in the pool of her blood dead- bereaved teenager

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When 38-year-old Tolami, popularly known as mummy Onyinda woke up on Monday, January 13, 2020, to get her children ready for school, little did she envisage that would be her last time of carrying out such responsibility on them.

This is because hours later, she was found in the pool of her blood, right inside her apartment at Sanni Alaso street, Ijanikin, Ojo, dead. The circumstances surrounding the gruesome attack are yet to be unraveled by the Police.

Crime Guard gathered that the mother of three and popular charcoal dealer, usually left for her shop at Amosu Igboro, Alasia area of Ijanikin, after preparing her children from school. However, no one suspected the worst when she was not seen on Monday as some

customers who came to patronize her assumed she could have gone to purchase more charcoal.

Her eldest child, Oyinda, who is preparing to write the West Africa Examination Council, WAEC, was usually the first to join her mother in the shop whenever she returned from school. She would be joined with her siblings, who would leave for home with their mother at the close of the day.

### Discovery

However, when she came to the shop that fateful day and did not see her mother, she put a call through to her on her mobile phone but there was no response.

Narrating how she discovered the unexpected to residents, she said, "When I could not reach my mother on her phone, I called her friend who also sells charcoal, at Adams street to know if she was

with her but she said no.

At that point, I became worried because her phone rang severally without response. I reached a couple of other persons on phone to ask if they had seen my mother but they all said no. I decided to go and check her at home. When I opened the door, I saw her lying on the bed. I raised the curtains up so as to allow fresh breeze in. As I tried to wake her up, I discovered she was motionless. She stopped at this point, wailing louder.

### Residents mourn

Residents who were alerted by the alarm raised by Oyinda rushed to their room and parlour self contained apartment to behold the gory sight.

One of them who gave his name as Baba Pat, said, "nobody heard the victim screaming or shouting for help. It is still confusing but I believe that whoever killed her should be familiar to the family".

He therefore, called on government and other relevant agencies to investigate the circumstances surrounding the murder of the mother of three.

Another resident, Kayode Bode explained that "I came back from work and heard the disturbing shout from the building. Immediately, I left my apartment to know what the matter was. I also saw other residents rushing there. We found Oyinda weeping and screaming at the same time. We were still there in shock when she turned her mother's corpse and discovered that the bed sheets were soaked with blood. On closer observation, she was discovered to have been stabbed to death with a sharp object."

Another neighbor identified simply as Mummy TJ, explained that the building occupied by the deceased and her children was her late mother's. She said, "when her mother was alive, she came to visit her frequently. But five years ago, she lost her husband. That was when she moved in here with her children, until her mother passed on".

Crime Guard gathered that her corpse had been taken to Abeokuta, Ogun state for burial.

As at time of writing this piece, no arrest had been made. But residents are full of expectation on the Police to bring perpetrators of the dastardly act to book, or else, the incident may end up among the list of unresolved murders in Nigeria.