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#EndSARS: Policemen that killed my son after my life, woman tells Abuja panel

• Says they opened my legs, struck my private part with gun nozzle • Edo panel orders arrest of CSP • Petitioner loses appeal to enforce N300m judgment

MORE REVELATIONS emerged from the various Independent Investigative Panels on Human Rights Violations by the defunct Special Anti-Robbery Squad, SARS across the country as 49-year-old woman, Mrs. Victoria Agori, yesterday sought protection from the sitting in Abuja, alleging that a team of Police officers that killed her son last year are after her life.

At the proceeding in Benin, Edo State, the panel ordered the arrest of retired Chief Superintendent of Police, Carol Afegbai for failing to appear before the commission over the killing of a University of Benin student, Ibrahim Momodu.

At the Lagos sitting, the panel members turned down a request by a petitioner to enforce a N300million judgment against the police.

During the hearing in Abuja, a petitioner, Agori told the 11-man investigative panel headed by a retired Justice of the Supreme Court, Justice Suleiman Galadima, that she started receiving threat messages and calls from the police officers after she lodged a petition to seek justice over the extra-judicial murder of her 21-year old son, Daniel Agori at Aluu, Rivers State.

The petitioner said she had to escape from Rivers State to Abuja owing to persistent threat to her life.

Narrating how her son was killed, Mrs. Agori, who identified herself as an Evangelist, said she was in her family house at No. 4 Nyege Close, Gbebi Road, Nkpulu in Obio/Akpor Local Government Area of Rivers State after returning from a journey, when she heard sounds of deafening sporadic gun shots.

She said some SARS officers thereafter invaded her house and immediately started breaking the window glasses, scattering every item on sight.

Mrs. Agori said the officers pounced on her and her two sons that included the deceased and his fiancée, Silver Ogbonna, as well as her second son, David, who were all at home at the time of the incident, hitting them with the butt of their gun, mortars and pestle.

The petitioner gave names of the officers involved in the operation as DSP Yusuf Bello, Victor Nelson and one Musa, who she said were under the Command and directives of a Superintendent of Police, Justine Adaka of the IGP Monitoring Unit Aluu, Uniport Command, Port Harcourt.

According to the petition before the panel, "That after the ransack of the entire house by the named SARS officers above, nothing incriminating was discovered but the sum of N200,000, kept in her wardrobe and N2,500 under the pillow

which were picked up by the 6th, 7th and 8th respondents who equally carted away shoes, cloths, radio and phones belonging to her and her sons.

Petitioner with her two Sons; Late Daniel Agori and David Agori, fiancé to late Daniel Agori, Silver Ogbonna were bundled to the back of SARS pick up van and started driving off to their Unit Command at Aluu in Ikwerre LGA of Rivers State while all the neighbours and passersby were watching.

"Victor Nelson with the aid of Musa thereafter forcefully opened wide the Petitioner's two legs and started choking her private part with the nozzle of his gun and in derision calling her mother of 'Kidnapper' to the hearing of the neighbours and passersby who were standing and watching as the Yusuf Bello (DSP) drove off.

"That whilst enroute to the Unit Command at Aluu, Uniport, a sum of N300m was discovered to be in Late Daniel Agori's pocket which was picked up by the SARS team to buy PMS for the pickup van at a filling station along the East West Road".

The petitioner stated that upon their arrival at the station, leader of the team, SP Adaka, in her presence, ordered that her son should be killed immediately.

Mrs. Agori told the panel that the whole assaults on her family was instigated by her daughter she identified as Blessing, whom she said threatened to use her SARS boyfriend, Nelson, to implicate the late Daniel over a mere sibling quarrel.

She said though Nelson subsequently admitted that killing of the deceased was done in error, he however threatened to deal with the family should they continue to drag the case.

Aside from seeking the immediate prosecution of the identified officers, the petitioner, prayed the panel to award her N1billion as compensation.

Edo Panel orders arrest of retd CSP

The Edo State Judicial Panel of Enquiry for victims of SARS and related abuses has ordered the arrest of a retired Chief Superintendent of Police (CSP) Carol Afegbai for failing to appear before it to explain her alleged complicity in the murder of a 500 Level student of University of Benin, Ibrahim Momodu in 2015.

In her ruling, Chairman of the panel, Justice Ada Ehi-giamusoe (rtd) ordered the immediate arrest of Carol Afegbai.

She said: "Earlier, the pan-



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el had summoned the respondent to appear before this panel in today's proceedings and it is on record that she has failed to do so.

"It is of the view therefore of this panel that the respondent having failed to appear before the said panel, a warrant of arrest should be issued against her to appear before the said panel.

"Accordingly, it is hereby ordered that a warrant of arrest be issued forthwith on the said respondent who is named Carol Afegbai who shall appear before this panel following the order of this panel on December 9, 2020", she said.

The late Ibrahim Momodu was a 500 Level student of Faculty of Laboratory Science, University of Benin as at the time he was killed close to his family house

Lagos panel dismisses request to enforce N300m judgment

Lagos- The chairman of the Lagos State Judicial Panel of Inquiry probing allegations of human rights abuses against men of the disbanded police Special Anti-Robbery Squad Justice Doris Okuwobi (Rtd), yesterday dismissed a petition filed by one Pascal Bonu, seeking to enforce a N300million court judgment against SARS over the extrajudicial killing of his brother in 2013 at Badagry area of Lagos.

Justice Okuwobi in a short ruling on the preliminary objection of the police counsel Joseph Eboseremen, said the petition was an abuse of court process.

"When the case was mentioned for hearing, no sooner had the petitioner entered the witness stand to give his testimony than Eboseremen told the panel that he would be objecting to the hearing

of the petition by the panel on the grounds that the case was a subject of appeal currently pending before the supreme court.

The Police counsel informed the panel that though the Federal High Court had awarded N300million damages against the police in favour of Bonu, the police had since gone on appeal. Eboseremen also told the panel that the Court of Appeal has delivered judgment in the case and upheld the judgment of the Federal High Court, but that the appellate court reduced the N300million damages to N30million.

He said the police had further appealed to the Supreme Court and described the petitioner's case before the panel as an attempt to preempt the decision of the Supreme Court, adding that it would also amount to double jeopardy.

Eboseremen stated that if the panel entertained the petition, it would open a floodgate for all persons who have pending fundamental rights cases in court to rush before the panel.

The police counsel alleged that despite the subsisting appeal to the Supreme Court, the petitioner's lawyer, Olukoya Ogungbeje, was already making moves to garnishee the account of the police and take N300million, despite that the Court of Appeal had reduced the judgment sum to N30million.

"We are appealing that this matter be struck out, it is an abuse of court process, he has filed a garnishee on the same issue at the Federal High Court", Eboseremen said.

The panel chairman, Justice Okuwobi, said the panel would resist any temptation to bring it "on a collision course" with the appellate court.

Transitions



• Late Okunola



• Late Alao

MADAM Bose Bolaji-Okunola (nee Ayeni), 74, is dead. Service of Songs/wake keep take place December 4, 2020 at Okunola compound, Oke Alhaji Quarters, Ekinrin Adde, Ijumu LGA, Kogi State. Burial takes place on December 5 after a funeral service at C&S Church, Owobode Quarters, Ekinrin Adde, Ijumu LGA, Kogi State.



• Late Ebuwa

MRS Ngozi Ebuwa, 71, of Ogbu Orji Quarters, Ilah, Oshimili North Local Government Area, Delta State is dead.

Service of songs will hold at St. John's Catholic Church, Ogbu Orji, Ilah, Oshimili North LGA, Delta State December 10, 2020 while wake keep takes place at her residence, Ebuwa's compound, Ogbu Orji Quarters, Ilah.

Funeral Mass holds the following day at St. John's Catholic Church, Ogbu Orji, Ilah, while interment follows immediately at her father's compound, Ogbu Orji Quarters, Ilah. She is survived by children, and other relations, including Emeke Ebuwa.



• Late Uchendu

MRS Ada Cecilia Uchendu of Umuajoke, Amaokwe-Achara, Uturu, Isikwuato LGA, Abia State has died, aged 82. Funeral service will commence with a social wake-keep on December 3, 2020 at her residence in Uchendu's family home at Umuajoke, Amaokwe, Achara Uturu while burial takes place on December 4, same venue. She is survived by children, grandchildren, brother, sister, including the CEO of Lagos-based Third Intelligence Security Company, Evans Uchendu.