

82 suspects being paraded by the Commissioner of Police in Kaduna State, all charged with rape, homicide, shop breaking, and other heinous related crimes, in Kaduna, yesterday. Photos: Olu Ajayi.

# 28-yr-old pregnant woman killed by army stray bullet in Kogi

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By Boluwaji Obahopo

**L**OKOJA—A pregnant woman, Mary Pelemo, was allegedly killed by a stray bullet shot by some men in Army uniform in Magongo, Ogori/Magongo Local Government Area of Kogi State.

An elder brother of the deceased, Mr Idowu Pelemo, said his sister was killed at about 9 pm, Wednesday, in Magongo.

He said some men in military uniform in three Hilux vans with another painted in army colour chased a driver from Ibilo in Edo State to Magongo.

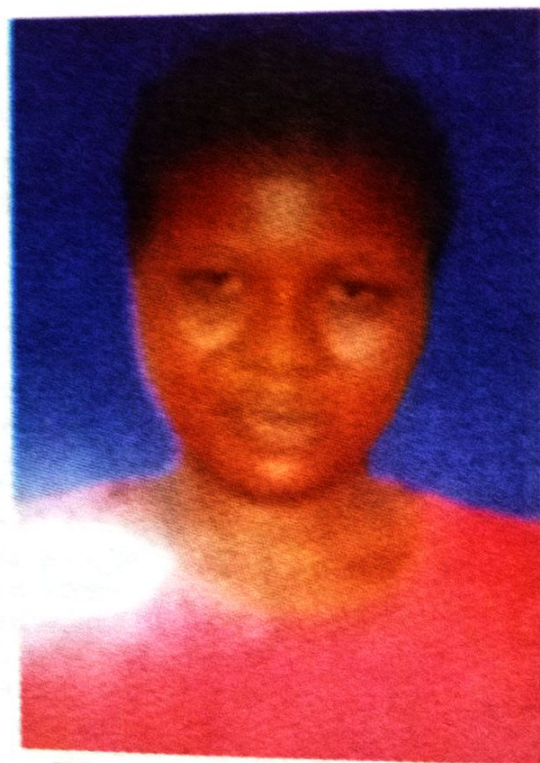
He gave the vehicles

numbers as Lokoja 446 KG and LKJ 014 KG.

Pelemo said immediately the driver of the vehicle got to Magongo, he alighted from his vehicle and escaped, adding that the men in army uniform started shooting sporadically as people scampered for safety, but his sister, who was standing in front of her house was hit by a stray bullet.

He said the men in army uniform rushed her to the hospital and left her there, adding: "My late pregnant sister died that same night."

"Those men in army uniform normally station their vans along Ageva. From what one of the soldiers told me, they wanted to arrest the driver



The late Mary Pelemo.

because the driver and some of his colleagues 'misbehaved' to some of their officers in Okene."

He said the men in army uniform, following a tip-off, ambushed the said driver, who was from Ibilo in Edo State and was heading to Okene.

"On getting to Magongo, he ran out of his car and the men in army uniform started shooting sporadically which led to the death of the woman," he said.

The Public Relations Officer of the Nigerian Army in Kogi State, Major Jafaru Muhammed, when contacted said: "The Army was not involved in any operation, please."

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