

Badagry women protest woman's death in domestic violence

BADAGRY Women Development Forum, an NGO, yesterday, protested the death of a 41-year-old woman following a report of alleged domestic violence involving her husband in Magbon, Badagry, Lagos State.

The women, who marched through major streets in Badagry carrying placards with various inscriptions, demanded justice over the death of Mrs Abosede Oke.

Among the inscriptions on their placards were "Say No to Women Abuse; Say No to Violence Against Women; Justice for Abosede. Treat us like your mothers."

It was gathered that Abosede died July 24, 2021, following injuries she allegedly sustained from a fall three days earlier during a fight with her husband.

According to Ms Mauoyan Oguns, the deceased elder sister, Abosede's corpse had been deposited in the morgue at Badagry General Hospital, while her husband, Mr Yemi Oke, is under interrogation at Lagos State CIID, Pantti, Yaba.

Narrating the incident that led to her sister's death, Oguns said Abosede, a certified caterer, who was hypertensive, allegedly fell from a push by her husband on July 21 and slumped into a coma.

"She was rushed to Badagry General Hospital where she remained in a coma until she died on her way to Ikeja General Hospital for scanning on July 24," she said.

Oguns said the deceased parents had moved her out of her matrimonial home several times but Abosede kept going back, saying she couldn't leave her children.

She said: "There was a time Oke poured kerosene on her body, threatening to burn her alive; it's Christiana, her first child, that ran away with matches and alerted neighbours who rescued her.

"We begged my sister to leave her husband but she refused, now Abosede is gone leaving the children she was protecting to suffer.

"Women should learn from her mistake; anyone that is in a toxic relationship should quit now before it is too late."

The coordinator of the protest, Sewede Pot-Balogun, said she rallied around to seek financial help for the deceased, unfortunately she died on Saturday, July 24.

"I was touched by her condition when I saw her in a coma at Badagry Hospital. I wondered how a man could do that to his wife," Pot-Balogun said.