

as a result of protest by commercial bus drivers, yesterday.

How my septuagenarian mother was murdered by ritualists in Ondo— Son

- We want killers exposed, brought to book
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A KURE — THE 78-year-old Madam Veronica Dare, who was murdered penultimate Sunday at Iwaro Oka, Akoko South-West Local Government Area of Ondo State, was a victim of ritual killers

It will be recalled that the victim, who was a member of Deeper Life Bible Church in the community, was killed in the early hours of Sunday after cleaning the church.

The deceased had it as a routine to sweep the church very early, every Sunday morning and probably other worship days. The killers dumped her corpse in front of the church and fled.

Speaking on the incident, the son of the deceased woman, Boniface Dare, said his mother was murdered in cold blood by suspected ritualists, who

removed her throat and other parts of her body.

According to him, "My mother was in the habit of going to the church every Sunday as early as 5 a.m to clean the church. She had been doing this for God knows how many years now.

"But this particular Sunday, her killers must have trailed her to the church, waited for her to finish cleaning the church before they struck. Because we still met the sack where she kept all the dirty things she swept from the church in one corner.

"We suspected that they attacked her inside the church, dragged her outside and removed some body parts."

Boniface appealed to the security personnel to help fish out the killers and bring them to book, describing the murder as an act of wickedness.

Meanwhile, the lawmaker representing Akoko South-West

constituency 1 in the state House of Assembly, Olugbenga Omole, yesterday, called on security operatives in the area to fish out killers of the woman.

Kidnapped Ondo principal, teachers freed in Edo

In another development, the abducted principal, vice principal and two other teachers of Auga Community Grammar School in Akoko North East LGA of the state have been released after payment of N4 million ransom

Vanguard gathered that they were released at Imoga, close to Ibillo in Akoko Edo LGA of Edo State.

It will be recalled that Mr Joshua Adeyemi, the principal, Mr Yesufu, his vice principal and two other teachers were abducted five days ago.

The kidnappers initially demanded N35 million as ransom before they later reduced it to N4 million, according to a family member.

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