

## NEWS

## 20-year-old girl killed with pestle, axe in Ondo

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**A** 20-year-old secondary school leaver, Ebunoluwa Osatuyi, has been murdered by unknown killers in her parents' apartment in Akure, Ondo State capital.

She was murdered with pestle and axe in her father's house by the killers who reportedly gained access to the house through the window.

*Sunday Vanguard* learnt that the victim was killed after she returned from a coaching centre where she was taking lessons for the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME).

Her body was found inside their sitting room by

her mother, Mrs Bosede Osatuyi, who raised the alarm.

A source said: "The victim's mother returned from work around 5.15 p.m on the fateful day and

met the body of her daughter in a pool of blood with an axe and pestle beside her. She immediately called the attention of neighbours.

"There was a deep wound

on her head which showed that she was hit on the head which eventually led to her death." The mother said her daughter entered through the gate as usual and met the killers in the

sitting room who killed her.

A source at Okuta Elerinla Police Station who confirmed the incident said the case had been transferred to the State

Criminal Investigative Department (SCID) of the Police Command for investigation.

Spokesperson for the police, Funmi Odunlami, confirmed the murder, adding that investigation had commenced.

## Controversy over mortuary for kidnap victims as police, Rivers LG boss disagree

By Davies Iheamnachor

**R**IVERS State Police Command has disagreed with the Chairman of Emohua Local Government Area of the state, Chidi Lloyd, over his alleged discovery of a mortuary used by kidnappers in keeping dead victims.

Lloyd had claimed that

the abandoned Elele-Alimini General Hospital in Emohua LGA, owned by the state government, had been converted to a mortuary used by kidnappers in keeping dead victims.

Police said the facility had not been in use for over 10 years.

Acting Police Public Relations Officer of the com-

mand, DSP Grace Iringe-Koko, in a statement in Port Harcourt, yesterday, said the mortuary was not used by kidnappers as claimed by Lloyd.

Iringe-Koko said preliminary investigation revealed that the mortuary was being operated by contract staff members of the mortuary department of the hospital who were

laid off.

She said, "Preliminary investigation revealed that a mortuary actually exists in the premises of General Hospital Elele Alimini, owned by the state government, which has, however, been abandoned and now moribund following which the staff were all laid off over ten years ago.

"However, some mortu-

ary attendants decided to stay back to attend to the corpses that were in the morgue to avoid an epidemic outbreak.

"Mr. Okachi Wali met at the premises is a casual staff of the mortuary who is still rendering his services. "Suffice to say, the morgue is not being run by a kidnap syndicate as portrayed".

20 Days to Owe for BTO's father in law's burial