

After 5 years in prison, Olamide Akinbobola, who stabbed husband to death, regains freedom

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A 29-year-old woman, Olamide Akinbobola, who spent five years at the correctional facility for stabbing her husband to death in self-defence, yesterday, regained her freedom.

Speaking after her release from the Kirikiri female correctional facility, Lagos, she said her stay at the facility had been an eye-opener.

Recall that the mother of two, Olamide Akinbobola, who suffered domestic violence stabbed her husband, Dare Akinbobola, 28, on his neck to death with a kitchen knife at their 1, Olupebi Abijo St, Gbaga, off Ijede Road, Ikorodu.

She advised young people to flee from abusive relationships or marriage, adding: "Once there is domestic violence flee, the ordeal began the moment I choose to stay put in an abusive marriage.

"I stayed put because I thought it will get better, if I had run away when I had the opportunity I won't have gone to prison or killed him in self-defence."

Thanking Jennichi Foundation for facilitating her release, Olamide said it wasn't easy being in custody.

"I spent five years here. What I passed through was not easy. When the incident happened, I almost ran mad, because it was not something I did intentionally, if it was intentional I would have run away, but I took him to the hospital and unfortunately I lost him.

"While in the facility, through counselling and encouragement from people around, I have learnt



Olamide Akinbobola.

to be patient, tolerant and friendly. It is not everything you see, you talk about. I have learned some skills too. I learned how to braid; I learned how to make beads.

"I feel happy today that I am finally free but sad because my husband is dead. What happened was not intentional, I feel bad that he is no more alive. I am a young woman with two children. The consolations I have are my kids.

"So it is a mixed feeling for me today. I am leaving the future in God's hands. However, I will prefer to be self-employed to enable me to take care of my

children."

Commending the correctional facility, Olamide said officials at the female correctional centre did well as they provided them with three square meals daily, bathing soap and ensured that the water they used was well treated.

"Because I have an ulcer, I don't eat eba, I survived through the money Jennifer Owolabi gives me. There is a standard hospital here, and they give free drugs. I am grateful to Jennifer and everyone who stood by me including the house she rented for me.