

# Pastor, 9 others arrested over death of 25-year-old Oro worshipper

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**A** pastor of Truth and Spirit Prophetic Church, Mercy Okocha, and nine of her members, have been arrested over

the death of a 25-year-old Oro worshipper, Agboola Akeem, at Sanni Taiwo Lawal Street, Oko Oba area of Lagos State.

The suspects were arrested after Akeem was reportedly attacked and

killed during a clash between members of the church and traditional Oro worshippers.

It was gathered that trouble started when the Oro worshippers, who were performing their

night festival at Oko Oba, ordered members of the church, who were also holding a vigil, to end their service.

Unfortunately, the order was fiercely resisted by members of the church and the disagreement degenerated into a crisis that led to the stoning of Akeem to death.

Sequel to Akeem's death, some youths in the community went berserk, attempting to set the church ablaze.

Confirming the incident, the spokesperson of Lagos State Police Command, SP Benjamin Hundeyin, said at about 6.30am, the Divisional Police Officer in Oko Oba Police Station received a distress call that a church, Truth and Spirit Prophetic Church, located at No. 2, Sanni Taiwo Lawal Street, in Oko Oba, was about to be set ablaze by some irate youths in the community.

Based on the distress call, a team of police officers was mobilised to the scene.

Hundeyin explained that on getting to the scene, it was discovered that a group of traditionalists were performing their Oro sacrament in the area, while the church members were having a vigil. The Oro worshippers instructed the church members to stop their service and pandemonium ensued, resulting in the death of Agboola Akeem.

The corpse of the deceased has been evacuated to a public morgue for autopsy.

Meanwhile, the pastor, Mercy Okocha, and nine other members of the church, have been arrested. Investigation is still in progress.



## PUBLIC NOTICE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT

### PUBLIC DISPLAY EXERCISE ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) REVALIDATION FOR THE PROPOSED BONGA NORTH DEVELOPMENT (OML 118) PROJECT BY SHELL NIGERIA EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION COMPANY LIMITED.

In accordance with the provisions of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Act Cap. E12 LFN 2004, which makes it mandatory for proponents of all new major development activities to carry out Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) of their proposed projects, the Federal Ministry of Environment hereby announces a twenty-one (21) working days Public Notice for information and comments on the draft EIA report submitted by Shell Nigeria Exploration and Production Company Limited (SNEPCo).

#### The Display Centers Are:

- Rivers State Ministry of Environment Office, Port Harcourt, Rivers State.
- Federal Ministry of Environment Office, Port Harcourt, Rivers State.
- Federal Ministry of Environment, Environment House (Brown Building), Independence Way, Central Business District, Abuja-FCT.

#### Project Description:

The proposed project scope involves drilling of 14 Wells (7 Producers + 7 Injectors) development from same four (4) reservoirs targeting 322MMstb contingent resources. The Wells will be tied back to a life extended FPSO via an 18Km subsea tie back and new SURF. The Bonga North Field is located in the Gulf of Guinea, approximately 130Km offshore in water depths ranging from 900m to 1300m and consists of a cluster of geographically separate hydrocarbon reservoirs North of Bonga Main and Northwest fields.

#### Duration of Display:

Date: 24<sup>th</sup> August – 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2022.  
Time: 8:00am – 4:00pm Daily.

ALL COMMENTS RECEIVED SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE HON. MINISTER, FEDERAL MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT MABUSHI, ABUJA-FCT, ON OR BEFORE 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2022.

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