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According to the report in *The Sun* Newspaper, Adijat married to Abiodun Adenekan for ten months was not allowed to shop for the family by her husband until her mother waded into the matter and told Abiodun that it was his wife's duty to purchase food items for cooking. Abiodun harkened unto his in-law's advice and reverted to making a shopping list for Adijat before she goes to the market.

Her husband in filing a divorce suit against her said she did not buy some items on the lists and at other times she did not buy the monetary value of such items. Adijat told the court that her husband got drunk occasionally and assaulted her, beating her at will. She said he stole her pant for demonic purpose and when she accused him of the theft, he told her he would divorce her.

The pant was later found concealed in his traveling bag and when she drew his attention to it he threw her belongings out of the house. (*Daily Sun, September 2, 2006*)

53. A pregnant woman, Agbeke Haruna was allegedly strangled to death by her husband in Ikorodu Lagos, southwest, Nigeria.

According to the *Saturday Sun*, Mrs. Haruna 30, had ran away from home to seek refuge in a Cherubim and Seraphim Church in Ijede Ikorodu due to constant battery and assault from her husband Mumuni Haruna 35. As at the time of her death, she had two children with Mumuni and was four months pregnant with their third child.

On the fateful night, Agbeke's husband sneaked into the church premises and engaged his wife in a quarrel and this resulted in a brawl. The eldest child 12 years Bose claimed that her father held on to her mother's neck and refused to let go despite entreaties from everyone around. Bose, seeing that her father was not going

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to leave her mother alone, got a pestle to him to let go of her mother's neck still he held on until her mother died in his hands.

Seeing that his wife was dead, he jumped out of the church through a window only to be arrested later by the police who apprehend and detained him at State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID) Pantl after a report of the murder was made to them. The suspect however denied the allegation, saying he walked away from Agbeke when she was insulting him and that he loved her very much. (*Saturday Sun, September 17, 2006*)

54. A 32 year old housewife, Mrs. Omolara Monday has asked an Owo Customary Court in Ondo State, south west, Nigeria to dissolve her four year old union with her husband over allegations of constant beating, maltreatment and threat to her life.

According to the *Daily Sun* newspaper report, Mr. Monday returned back from a barber's shop one evening where he went to cut his hair and saw their four-year-old daughter playing naked. He got angry and pounced on the little child, beating her. In an attempt to explain why their daughter was not putting on clothes, Omolara was beaten to a pulp by her husband.

Omolara's cries attracted sympathizers who came to her rescue but her husband dangled a big stick daring anyone of them to get near. In the process of dangling the big stick, and daring anyone to come near, the piece of wood fell on his wife's head, giving her a deep cut, from where blood started gushing out from. She fainted immediately and had to be rushed to the hospital.

Reports from neighbours however said Monday was in the habit of beating up Omolara and their four year old daughter at the slightest provocation. On several occasions according to the