

JULY 2022 SECURITY REPORT



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ON THE RISE

"Domestic violence (also called domestic abuse or family violence) is violence or other abuse that occurs in a domestic setting, such as in a marriage or cohabitation. In its broadest sense, domestic violence also involves violence against children, parents, or the elderly. It can assume multiple forms, including physical, verbal, emotional, economic, religious, reproductive, or sexual abuse."- Wikipedia

Cases of domestic violence remain largely underreported in many countries and research indicates that incidence of domestic violence is grossly proportional to level of gender equality in the society. However, even men can and have been victims of domestic violence.



Sadly many cases of domestic violence escalate to serious physical trauma and even death before they are reported. Therefore domestic violence may be legitimately considered a security threat to the individual.

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On 2 July, 2022 in Otun-Akute area of Lagos state, one Mrs Lateefat was allegedly burnt to death at her house by her estranged husband Mr Ponle Adebanjo. The couple were recently separated due to prolonged physical abuse inflicted on lateefat by her husband.

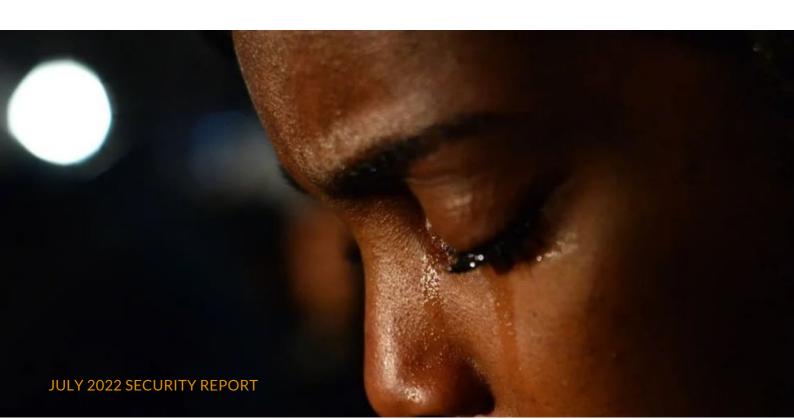
However, Ponle continued to stalk and threaten her after their separation, insisting she would know no peace if she did not return. He made good on his threats that saturday night when he went to her house and set her ablaze. Mrs Lateefat went down fighting and was able to grab Mr Ponle even while she was ablaze, ensuring he too sustained injuries. Neighbors intervened and they were both rushed to the hospital where the victim passed on.

The police have secured a confession from Mr Ponle and he will be charged to court once he recovers from his injuries.

www.punchng.com/ogun-man-burns-wife-to-death

On 16 July, 2022 in Ozoro, Isoko North LGA, Delta state, one Mr Godspower a 23yr old male, is said to have used a cutlass to hack his girlfriend Ms Gift, a 22yr female student of Ozoro polytechnic to death after she damaged his iPhone 11 promax during an argument over her alleged infidelity. The couple were cohabiting at the time of her death and the suspect has since been detained by the Nigeria Police Force.

www.punchng.com/police-arrest-man-who-killed-lover-over-iphone





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On 19 July 2022, one Mr Bolu Bamidele was confirmed dead at University College Hospital Ibadan due to extensive burn injuries. He was earlier referred there from Osogbo central hospital, where he had presented with burns after being set ablaze by his wife, one Mrs Ifeoluwa Bamidele over allegations he was having an extramarital affair. She made some telltale comments on social media before proceeding with the dastardly act.

Afterwards, she initially fled Osun to Ekiti, but was later convinced to return to Osogbo by her lawyers. Unbeknownst to them she had ingested some poison prior to the journey, and needed to be rushed to hospital after arriving Osogbo, she was pronounced dead shortly after reaching the hospital.

Suicide notes were discovered in her bag, she wished to be buried beside her murdered husband.

www.bbc.com/pidgin/media-62276207

RECOMMENDATIONS

Domestic violence is a potential threat to life and should never be taken lightly, such incidents should be related to family and friends, as witnesses and for necessary intervention and counselling.

Despite marriage being a lifelong arrangement, it is not meant to be a highway to death, when there is proof of threat to life, abusive relationships should be exited by all means, as soon as possible.

Complaints of threat to life can be reported to the police. In such a case the accused is required to make an undertaking that no harm will come to the complainant from their actions or inactions.

Legislation such as the Violence Against Persons Prohibition Law should be strengthened to give more protection to abuse victims.

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