

Horror in Enugu communities as man beheads mother



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...another kills sister, child in separate attacks

Residents of Igbo-Etiti Local Government Area of **Enugu State** were thrown into shock and mourning following two separate gruesome killings allegedly carried out by close family members within hours of each other.

The tragic incidents, which occurred on Thursday in different communities in the council area, involved the alleged beheading of a woman by her son and the killing of a woman alongside her little daughter by the woman's brother.

In the first incident, a middle-aged man identified as Onyebuchi Anikwe allegedly beheaded his mother, Mrs. Felicia Anikwe, at Nkporogwu Ukehe Community.

The suspect, said to be about 40 years old, had reportedly returned home from farm and asked his mother for food, to which the woman said there was no food in the house.

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He was said to have been infuriated by the absence of food and attacked the 60-year-old woman with a cutlass, severing her head in the process.

It was gathered that the suspect, a graduate of the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, had allegedly been battling psychiatric challenges for some time.

“But you will never know he’s having any psychiatric problems when you see him within the village. He behaved normally most times but charges at the family members like a mad dog,” a villager told our correspondent.

Sources in the community further disclosed that he had in the past allegedly stabbed and killed his brother, Kingsley Anikwe, in a separate incident that heightened fears among residents over his mental condition.

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Police operatives attached to the Igbo-Etiti Division reportedly responded to a distress call at about 3:10 p.m. and recovered the corpse and severed head of the deceased.

The remains were taken to a hospital where doctors confirmed her dead before depositing them in a mortuary for preservation and autopsy.

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The suspect was reportedly rescued from an angry mob that descended on him after the incident.

He was rearrested by the police and rushed to the hospital for medical treatment, while investigations into the killing commenced.

Barely minutes later, another horrific incident was reported at Agu-Ekwegbe Community in the same local government area, where a man identified as Joshua Eze allegedly used a cutlass to kill and sever the heads of his sister, Nwabuche Eze, and her little daughter, Favour Eze.

According to the police, operatives attached to the Command's Distress Response Squad stationed at Ekwegbe Junction along the Ugwuagu/Opi/Nsukka Road responded to the distress call at about 3:18 p.m.

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The bodies of the victims were recovered and taken to the hospital, where they were confirmed dead before being deposited in the mortuary.

Preliminary police investigations reportedly revealed that the suspect allegedly buried the victims in a shallow grave alongside a dead white cock after killing them, raising suspicions of possible ritual motives behind the attack.

Joshua Eze was also reportedly rescued from a mob in critical condition and taken to the hospital, where he was later confirmed dead by doctors.

