

Rivers man nabbed for allegedly slitting wife's throat

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A husband, simply identified as Abuchi, has been arrested by the police in Amaji Village, Umuoyoro Community, Omuma Local Government Area of Rivers State, for allegedly slitting his wife's throat during an argument.

Saturday PUNCH gathered that the incident occurred on Thursday when the suspect and his wife went to their farm in the village.

A resident of the community told our correspondent that an argument ensued between the couple on the fateful day.

He added that during the altercation, the man allegedly grabbed a kitchen knife and slit the throat of the woman, a mother of two.

The source said, "People got to know about the incident when the woman screamed loudly before she died. The scream attracted other villagers around the farm. They gathered, overpowered the suspect and held him down."

He further stated that the village was thrown into shock and mourning, as residents wondered what could have led to the argument.

It was gathered that the suspect was subsequently handed over to the Eberi Police Division in Omuma LGA.

When contacted, the spokesperson for the Rivers State Police Command, Grace Iringe-Koko, confirmed the incident and the arrest of the suspect, adding that investigations were ongoing.

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“Yes, I can confirm the incident. The suspect has been arrested, and the Commissioner of Police has ordered a detailed investigation to ensure timely justice in the matter,” she said.

A picture of the deceased, seen by our correspondent, showed her lifeless body lying in a pool of blood.

Meanwhile, a human rights group, the Centre for Basic Rights and Accountability Campaign, described the incident as the height of man’s inhumanity to man and called on the police to thoroughly investigate the matter and ensure justice is served.

The National Coordinator of the group, Prince Wiro, in a statement on Friday, stressed that there was no justification for the suspect’s action, describing the act as “utterly condemnable.”

He said, “I condemn the killing of the mother of two in Amaji Village, Omuma, allegedly by her husband. It is the height of man’s inhumanity to man and wickedness.

“I therefore call on the Rivers State Police Command to ensure a thorough investigation into this matter so that justice is served and seen to be served.

“There is no justification for anyone to take another person’s life. This is a clear case of murder, and it should be treated as such.”

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