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Woman kills brother over alleged witchcraft

THE Police in Delta State have arrested a woman for allegedly participating in the slaying of her brother, Mr. Kenneth Osubor, who was accused of witchcraft.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Charles Muka, who confirmed the arrest told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in Asaba the widow of the slain man, Mrs Joy Osubor, on March 3, reported the murder to the police and accused a brother and a sister of the deceased, as being responsible.

He said the widow told the police that the accused persons had alleged that her husband used witchcraft to disturb the progress of another of their brother in Europe.

He said that when the late Osubor denied the allegation, the accused persons beat him mercilessly and took him to a traditional medicine man at Umunede in Delta.

Muka also said that the wife of the deceased told the police that she saw her husband last on the March 2, but later heard that he had been killed.

He said that men of the command swung into action based on the report and had since recovered the body, which had been deposited at a mortuary for post mortem examination.

Muka said that preliminary examination revealed marks of violence on the body of the deceased.

He said the arrested woman would soon be transferred to State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID) for further investigation, adding that efforts were on to arrest the other culprits.