

Septuagenarian killed by vigilante in Edo

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A retired school headmaster, Mr. James Atsekokhai was on Sunday night killed by a member of vigilante group in Iyora, Etsako west local government area of Edo after an alleged scuffle with his son by the vigilante.

Report says that Mr. Atsekokhai, a septuagenarian, was said to have been involved in a scuffle when the vigilante group stormed

the late headmaster's house to affect the arrest of a girl whom his son, Anthony Atsekokhai was alleged to have haboured.

It was gathered that the security outfit had earlier in the day clamped down on some members of a secret cult group who were holding a meeting at the village.

Sixteen members of the cults were arrested in the process and handed over to the police but one however escaped after been allegedly

aided by Anthony.

Daily Champion learnt that it was in the process to affect the arrest of the escaped cultists who was allegedly been haboured in the septuagenarian's house that he was shot and killed.

Narrating the story to newsmen, a member of the vigilante group, Kabiru Sule who was at the scene of the incident said; "We had gone to the house and demanded Anthony to release the cultists whom we know he had

haboured"

"But instead of complying, he resisted by trying to drag me inside his house. It was in this process that a scuffle ensued between Anthony and I. We were dragging ourselves when I heard a gunshot and Anthony shouted that we have killed his father."

Sule, who has been admitted in a private hospital after been beaten by Anthony and some other persons, said he went to Anthony's house with another member of the vigilante group who was armed with a locally made gun.