

# Edo village head, 85, killed over land tussle

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The assistant head of Arougba village, 85-year-old Goodluck Uwumahongie, has been killed over a land tussle.

The killers were said to have shot him before decapitating his body.

Late Uwumahongie was in his in-law's place at Irihri village when the attackers struck. He had fled to Irihri after crisis broke out at Aruogba where many houses were burnt and three persons killed.

His widow, Julie, alleged that he was killed over a tussle for the community land.

"One Osamwonyi had earlier threatened to kill my husband before the crisis. After we ran away from the village during the crisis to seek refuge at my father's village at Irihri, Osamwonyi saw him there and said he would still kill him", she said.

"I was called that my husband was killed brutally. He was killed because of land tussle. They have been fighting over the community land. He said my husband joined the other faction. People said he was shot before they cut off his head and took the head away. I hid my husband in my father's house. Nobody was at home when it happened", she added.

Edo State police spokesman, Joseph Edogiawerie, said two suspects have been arrested over the incident.

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