

Man kills three over bitter leaf plant

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A man popularly known as Alhaji, killed three persons including a three-year-old boy after a quarrel over the ownership of a bitter leaf plant at Ibillo, Akoko Edo LGA of Edo State on Sunday.

The incident at Ogo Quarters Ibillo led to the killing of a man identified as Mr Aliu Ademo, a girl called Favour and a little boy named Isaac, who died later on Monday in hospital.

A witness said: "Alhaji who is Ebira from Kogi State

came out with a cutlass and beheaded the girl. Mr Aliu saw what happened and started shouting, Alhaji ran after Isaac the little boy to kill him but Aliu pursued him in order to save the boy. But he succeeded in matcheting both the small boy and Mr Aliu.

"The small boy was rushed to hospital because he was still unconscious but we later heard that he died this morning (Monday). Alhaji is on the run but the police are looking for him".

Police spokesman, Mr Stephen Onwechei, said

the suspect is currently on the run.

"He will be arrested. He abandoned his cutlass and took off after the killing. When people came around to stop him, he matcheted them, including the three year-old child. That is barbaric. I understand he previously had a quarrel with the mother of the child over the ownership of the bitter leaf plant in the compound. That is madness but we must arrest him no matter how far he tries to run. He must face justice for his wicked act", he said.

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