

Angry mob sets two suspected robbers ablaze in Owerri

22-year-old allegedly stabs 103-year-old grandfather

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It was a reign of the bizarre in Imo State at the weekend when three ugly incidents were recorded in Owerri, the state capital, and two communities in Ahiazu, Mbaise Local Council of the state.

In Owerri, two yet-to-be identified suspected armed robbers, who could not escape after allegedly dispossessing a shop owner of his N50,000 cash, were chased through the Umezurike-Nworie River axis and burnt to death. One of the robbers, however, escaped.

According to a witness account, three of the armed suspects, had stormed a sprawling boutique located at West End, Nekede Road at mid-day. An alarm was immediately raised and a hot chase ensued, which led to the capture of the two victims that were roundly burnt alive.

In Okeagwara-Umuoke, Otulu, 22-year-old Chukwuebuka Umunna, has been apprehended by the police for allegedly stabbing his 103-year-old grandfather, Umunna Anusiem, to death.

This was confirmed to journalists by the father of the suspect, Julian, brother, Chigaemezu, and first son of the deceased, Columbus

and the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) of the division, Danjuma Ragga.

Chigaemezu disclosed that there had been an initial squabble between the deceased and the suspect, when his late grandfather urged him to enter the bush and cut Indian bamboo for him to raise his yam barn, regretting that before he could return from where he went, the old man had been killed with blood all over his body. A closer look at the deceased's body showed stab scars.

He added that the suspect is a school dropout, who had been caught allegedly smoking Indian hemp and exhibiting seemingly uncontrollable character.

The body of the deceased has since been deposited at the Madonna Hospital, Ahiaza-Ahiazu Mbaise morgue for further investigations.

In another development, not too far from the vicinity, suspected armed vandals reportedly stabbed to death a night guard, Tobias Ezeji, at an Airtel Network facility in Ihu, Nwaigbundu, area of Ahiazu Mbaise.

According to an employee at the facility, Josephat Iwuji, workers had turned up for work and found the body of Ezeji's lifeless body behind the perimeter fence.

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