

MEANWHILE, the Abia State Police Command has arrested one Mrs Rose Uwaga for allegedly strangulating her 83-year-old husband, Alhaji Isa Uwaga, to death in Umuahia.

The Public Relations Officer of the command, SP Geoffrey Ogbonnaya, confirmed the arrest of the woman, said to be in her early 70s, to the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) yesterday.

Ogbonnaya said one of Uwaga's children, Ibeabuchi, reported the matter to the police around noon on Thursday, July 2, adding that the body of the deceased had been deposited at the morgue "for possible autopsy in order to ascertain the real cause of death."

NAN learned that the aged couple had a disagreement, which degenerated into fisticuffs at their residence in Ohobo-Afara, Umuahia.

"During the fight, the man allegedly grabbed a machete to scare the wife, but the woman reportedly overpowered him. The machete fell off his hand and the woman, who is huge, pinned him down by the neck and strangled him to death," a resident of the area said on condition of anonymity.

Another account had it that the deceased might have slumped and died "out of exhaustion after his quarrels with his wife. It is not possible that a woman of about 73 years can muster the strength to strangle a man," a friend of the family also said on condition of anonymity.