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Man slaughters neighbour's four children in Edo



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There was pandemonium in Okha II community in Ikpoba-Okha Local Government area of Edo State in the early hours of Thursday, when a man allegedly slaughtered four children of his neighbour.

The man, whose name was simply given as Mike, was said to have hacked two of the children, Favour Oliver, aged three years, and Destiny Oliver, aged nine months to death with a machet.

Reports had it that the assailant also attacked two other children of the family, Gift Oliver, aged seven and Goodness Oliver, aged five, cutting off their nose and wrist, respectively before fleeing the scene of crime.

Gift and Goodness Oliver were later rushed to the Accident and Emergency Ward of the University of Benin Teaching Hospital (UBTH), where they are currently receiving medical attention.

Medical doctors at the hospital however described the condition of the two children as "stable but critical".

The father of the children identified as Oliver from Enugu State, was said to be away from home at the time of the incident, but his wife, Mrs Chinere Oliver reportedly fled for her life.

The assailant who lives in the same building with the Olivers was said to have had a long-standing quarrel with his neighbours before the incident.

The incident was said to have been reported at the New Etete Police Station immediately.

However the Edo State Police Command spokesman, Noble Uwoh, when contacted declined his knowledge, saying that the information was yet to reach him.

In another incident, a two- year-old boy was on Wednesday found drowned in a pool of stagnant water in Evboutubu, Egor Local Government area of Edo State.

The mother of the child, Abies Enyanyor, had reportedly dropped him in his friend's car last Monday but the child was later found dead on Wednesday.

The circumstances of the death of the child could not be ascertained at press time on Thursday night.

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