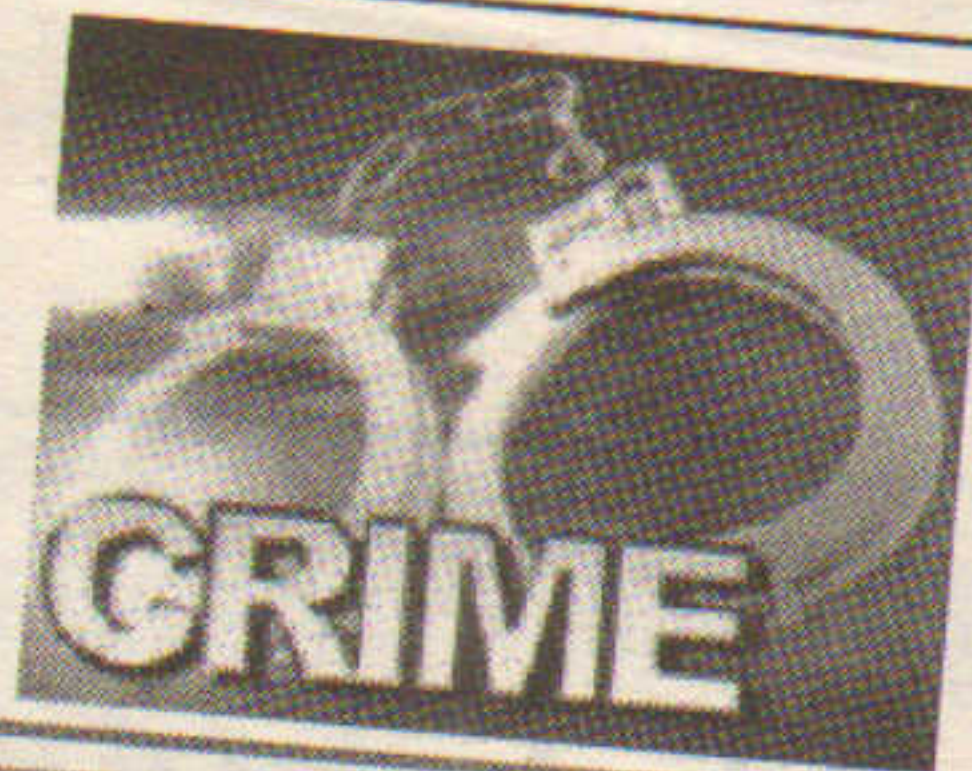


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## Man in ATbom hacks uncle to death, vows to kill daughter

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A 31-YEAR-OLD man, Emmanuel Akpan, from Afaha Akpan Ekpo village in Etinan Local Government Area, Akwa Ibom State, has hacked his 67 years old uncle, Joseph Akpan, to death.

A close source narrated that the problem started when Joseph took a surveyor to one of his parcels of land for proper measurement and evaluation to ascertain the actual worth of the property, a situation which revealed the decision to sell the land to Emmanuel.

Emmanuel, Daily Independent gathered went to Joseph's home and demanded that the deceased must part with three quarters of the money for which he sold the land.

That, he said was a requirement by his cult group from anyone who had successfully sold any of his land in the area.

According to Ms Ini Joseph, the deceased daughter, when her father explained to Emmanuel that he only took a surveyor to the land to measure it so that he would know its market value, Emmanuel retorted and asked the man to surrender the

share of the money to him unconditionally.

She revealed that on Saturday around 12 noon, Emmanuel stormed her father's house, stole the sum of N90, 000 and inflicted deep cuts on her father on different parts of his body, a situation which led to the father's death some hours after being rushed to a nearby hospital.

"My father only took surveyor to the land to measure it so that he will know the value of the land he intended to sell. But Emmanuel, who saw the surveyor on the land, went to my father when

he had returned home and asked for his share of the proceeds from the land.

"My dad told Emmanuel that he did not sell the land but only took the surveyor to the place so that he would know the value of the land. He threatened my dad that if he did not deliver his cult group's share of three quarters from the sales' proceeds, he would kill him instantly.

"And on Saturday around 12 noon, he went to our house when no one was at home and hacked my father to death," she said.