

He was said to have visited the village collect urine.

to eat on his penis because it had disappointed him several times."

# B Farmer, 46, Clubbed To Death For Defiling Infant

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For alleged defiling a minor, a 46-year-old farmer simply identified as Francis was at the weekend bludgeoned to death by irate youths of Irri Community, Isoko South local government area of Delta State after being accused of defiling an 18-month-old baby girl.

It was gathered that the suspect and his victims are neighbours at their No. 30 Mission Road residence in, Irri community, where the incident occurred.

LEADERSHIP reliably gathered that the parents of the child identified as Solomon Igiri, both

indigenes of Ivori-Irri community have been living separately and only visit one another.

Sources said on the day the incident occurred, the baby's mother who was busy with household chores left the baby in the care of the suspect, in view of their communal lifestyle in the neighbourhood and while she was deeply engrossed with the chores, the suspect sneaked into his apartment with the baby, locked the door and allegedly defiled her.

Sources said the cries of the child attracted neighbours and with the assistance of some security operatives, the door was forced open and the suspect was seen with blood stains all over

his body, even though he was found standing by the baby.

The suspect was later handed over to the police at the divisional police headquarters in Oleh, after he was beaten to a state of coma by irate youths of the community.

The divisional police officer, Lawrence Ogoegbulem, said the man died on the way to the Central Hospital, Oleh, before medical attention could reach him, while his victim, who was rushed to the Central Hospital, Oleh after the incident, has been referred to Delta State Teaching Hospital, Oghara, where she is currently responding to treatment.