A begger taking a nap at Wuse market walkway, Abuja, yesterday. PHOTO BY OGOH JOSEPH

Mysterious Rats Kill Landlord

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Mysterious rats have killed a landlord, Augustine Erukaya, 46, in Ugbolu community near Asaba, Delta State, after he was reportedly bitten on his two legs while he was asleep.

LEADERSHIP reliably gathered that the victim died of swollen legs on Saturday, December 28, 2013, after his encounter with the mysterious rats.

Unconfirmed sources said there was a

mysterious invasion of rats in the community in the last few months, saying it had been a source of worry to residents of the community.

A resident of the community, Ogbueshi Sade, said it was not true, adding that when a rat bites, it implies a negative connotation for its victim.

Sources said that Erukaya told his wife on the changes in his body after he was bitten by the rats and was advised to seek medical counsel. However, he was unable to heed the

advice as he started throwing up few hours after his complaint.

In a chat with LEADERSHIP, a relation of the landlord, who did not want his name in print, said the victim made an attempt to kill the rats but they disappeared to his surprise, adding that few minutes later his two legs started swelling up.

Unconfirmed reports said that the landlord, before his sudden death, was alleged to be at logger heads with some persons over the ownership of a farmland.