

80-year-old Man Killed As Crisis Hits Ekiti Community Over Monarch

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An 80 year old man identified as Chief Bello Ojo, lost his life following a violent protest that engulfed Ifon Ekiti in Oye local government area over the arrest and detention of the traditional ruler of the community, Oba Lawrence Bamidele Idowu, by the police for alleged impersonation.

The deceased's daughter, Mrs. Bunmi Fajana, alleged that her late father who was the Elejoka of Ibalogun of the community

was manhandled by some people suspected to be thugs while trying to rescue his 14-year-old son from them.

The arrest, it was gathered from a source was effected by officers of the command's attached to SARS who reportedly stormed the community and took the people, including the monarch the police headquarters in Ado Ekiti.

The source alleged that the police, who came around 4 am in came with a pick up vehicles, marked 'SARS', allegedly vandalised some

of the property at Idowu's palace before gaining entrance to arrest him.

Confirming the development, the Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Alberto Adeyemi, said the old man slumped and died while in company of others who were going to inspect property vandalized during the unrest.

Adeyemi, said Idowu was arrested for parading himself as the traditional ruler of the community, an action he said is capable of causing crisis in the community.

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