

Man accused of killing son threatens neighbours

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Residents of Erusu in Akoko Northwest Local Government of Ondo State are living in fear, following alleged threats by one of them.

The accused, a 40-year-farmer, was alleged to have killed his son and hurriedly buried him.

Sources described the accused as a dreadful man, who usually bragged of possessing juju to eliminate anybody who dared him.

The Nation learnt that the suspect, who was alleged to have been banished from his home in Arigidi-Akoko for alleged cruelty, returned to Odo-Owa Aga quarters, Erusu-Akoko, his town where he lived without his wife.

He was said to have allegedly tied one of his sons in a room and locked him in for two days, for an undisclosed offence.

Sources said the victim's elder brother, who was disturbed, searched for the key of the room and untied him.

The victim, who was then weak, ran away.

The Nation gathered that a friend of the accused, said to be a former councillor in the local government, reported the release of the boy to him.

The enraged father reportedly pounced on his elder son for releasing his sibling.

He was alleged to have hit his son in the head with a plank and he fell down.

Sources said the accused rushed the boy to a nearby health centre, from where he was referred to the Federal Medical Centre (FMC), Owo, but he died on the way.

The man and his friend were said to have returned to Erusu-Akoko and secretly buried the boy.

The incident was said to have infuriated his neighbours, who reported the matter to the police in Oke-Agbe.

The accused was said to have been arrested, but he was released a few hours later following the intervention of a prominent politician in the area.

Sources said the suspect, on returning home, allegedly threatened his neighbours for reporting him to the police.

It was learnt that residents fled because of the accused's juju.

Our correspondent was in Erusu-Akoko for hours last night to see the suspect, but he did not return from farm.

The Osunla of Erusu-Akoko, Oba Sunday Mogaji, was said to have travelled to Lagos where he stays most of the time.

He could not be reached on the phone for reaction.

Police spokesman Femi Joseph said the deceased died in an 'okada' accident.