

Two women tortured to death over witchcraft allegations

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Two aged women have been tortured to death by some youths in a community in **Cross River State**.

The women, Mrs Martina Osom and Mrs Rose Akon, accused of witchcraft, were tied hand and foot and beaten to death.

The incident happened in Ebbaken community in Boki council of the state, *The Nation* was told.

The two widows were attacked by a mob on Saturday.

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A relative to one of the deceased said both women were returning from morning prayers when the youths accosted them and accused them of initiating a member of the community into witchcraft.

“They were devoted Catholics, and one was my mother-in-law. It was her tradition to weed and clean up the Church vicinity every Saturday immediately after the Morning Mass,” the source said.

“The youths accused her of initiating a member of the community into witchcraft. She denied it but they still tied her hands and legs, inflicted injuries on her and beat her until she died, while asking her to confess.”

The other woman, Mrs Rose Akom, was given the same treatment, the source said.

Police spokesperson Irene Ugbo said she heard of the incident.