

Anambra women protest ritual killing of septuagenarian

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HUNDREDS of women from Umunze community in Orumba South Local Government Area of Anambra State yesterday protested the killing of a 72-year-old woman, Mrs Charity, whose body parts were harvested for rituals.

The septuagenarian was recently attacked at her residence by her houseboy, one Onyebuchi Ezech, who harvested her nipples, private parts, lips and fingers for alleged money rituals.

She reportedly died at the Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University Teaching Hospital, Awka, where she was receiving treatment.

The protesters marched to the Local Government headquarters, demanding the excommunication of the assailant, a native of Abakiliki, Ebonyi State, as well as other indigenes of his town, resident in Umunze.

President General of the community, Mr Hippolite Olua sued for peace among residents of the area, promising to ensure justice was done over the development.

Addressing women at the council secretariat, Olua said, "We are calling on all of you to maintain peace and go about your protest peacefully. Our mother who was killed was a good woman, and she does not deserve to be murdered in such a gruesome manner."