

# Police arrest clergyman for hacking wife to death

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A clergyman has been arrested in Ogwash-uku, Delta State, for hacking his wife to death with an object suspected to be a hammer.

The 54-year-old man whose name was given as Michael Andrew Chukwuekeme, was said to have attacked his wife, 40-year-old Ifeoma Rosemar, a primary school teacher while she was asleep, on Tuesday night

and thereafter escaped, in order to avert police arrest.

On arrest, he however, told the police that armed robbers struck at their house on the fateful night

and killed his wife, while he escaped, but police investigation revealed that no robbery took place.

The clergyman was said not to have been in good

terms with the deceased as the authorities of the local church where they both worship, had tried on several occasions to settle them, but without success.

The incident which took place at Umudei quarters in the town, left residents wondering why the pastor committed the dastard act.

Confirming the story on

Thursday, the State Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Celestine Kalu said investigation into the matter was in progress.

## Ekpo reads riot act on illegal party elders' forum

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HENCEFORTH, persons parading themselves as party elders of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) will meet stiff opposition from the party hierarchy, the state chairman of the Party, Obong Paul Ekpo has warned.

The party chief who gave the warning at the party's secretariat, on Nsikak Eduok Avenue, on Thursday, while inaugurating two committees, towards the building of the party's permanent secretariat, said the party in the state, was yet to constitute an elders' forum.

"Let me use the party platform to condemn vehemently the purported meeting held at Amazing Grace some days ago by people, who parade themselves as PDP elders, to desist from all activities and actions that can adversely affect the unity of our great party in the state.

(PDP), has inaugurated committees to oversee construction of a permanent office complex within the next 12 months.

According to Ekpo, the

decision to have a permanent office complex was in line with the scriptural injunction at 2Samuel 7:10 that God's people will dwell in a place of their own.

## Outrage as masquerades kill ex-police chief in Akwa Ibom