

4 Ex-youth leader arrested over alleged killing of community chairman in Edo

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FORMER Chairman of the outlawed Community Development Association (CDA) in Edo State, Mr. Monday Edegbe is presently cooling his heels in a detention cell in Benin, following his arrest over the alleged murder of a female farmer.

Edegbe, a youth leader was suspected to have killed Mrs. Mercy Nosakhare Iserhienrhien on May 4 at Uniaro town in Ovia North East Local Government Area of the state.

The youth leader, in company with ten-ten and other suspected thugs (now at large) was said to have head-butted the 59-year-old mother of six on her

chest, which led to her death.

A top police officer at the Inspector-General of Police Intelligence Response Team (IRT) unit in Benin, who pleaded anonymity, confirmed the arrest and detention but declined to give further details, as he said he was not permitted to speak on the matter.

In tears, the eldest daughter of the deceased, Mrs. Iris Nosakhare Aderemi said that the police had not responded positively to the demand of concerned elders of the community to check the excesses of the accused.

She alleged that Edegbe had made an attempt to kidnap her father.