

② Anglican Bishop hacked to death by son in Delta

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AN Anglican Bishop, Rev. Isaac Umurie, has been hacked to death in his sleep by his son (names withheld) in Delta State.

The gory incident occurred Wednesday morning at Okpare town in Olomu Kingdom, Ughelli South Local Government Area of the state, according to a local online medium, Niger Delta Today.

It was learnt that the incident, which occurred around 2:00a.m., had the bishop's wife and mother of the assailant, escaping death by a whisker.

The suspect allegedly chased around his mother, who was attempting to rescue her husband, but escaped being macheted too.

The deceased, Rev. Umurie, was the cleric in charge of St. John's Anglican Church, Okpare-Olomu, Ughelli South Local Government Area.

He was preparing for his retirement before his 28-year-old son macheted him to death in his sleep.

Sources said the attack was the second time the young man had attempted

killing his father.

The suspect, said to be mentally deranged, is already in police custody.

It was gathered that neighbours and church members couldn't do much to salvage the situation after gaining access to the bishop's apartment as the deed had already been done.

"This is the second time the son (name withheld) is attacking his father. The other time, he beat him, and Okpare-Olomu vigilante held him, but the father pleaded that he should not be taken to the police station. We heard that he is not mentally stable.

"In today's incident, he hacked the father with a cutlass, burst his skull, and mutilated other parts of his body.

"The priest has a few years to retire. He was brought closer home because of his retirement before this unfortunate incident," a source in the town told the online medium.

Reacting to the gruesome murder, Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), SP Bright Edafe, who confirmed the incident, said the assailant would be investigated