

Psychiatric patient kills mother, slashes brother

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A middle-aged man is currently being held at the Akobo Divisional Police Headquarters in Ibadan, Oyo State for allegedly killing his mother and inflicting machete cuts on his brother.

The suspect, identified simply as Yemi, is said to be a psychiatric patient.

An eyewitness told our correspondent on Monday that the incident occurred on Sunday evening at the deceased's residence in Yawuri, Akobo area of Lagelu Local Government Area in the state capital.

The source said that trouble started when the suspect

engaged his brother, identified as Oluwasogo, in a fierce disagreement.

According to the eyewitness, it was while the suspect's mother was intervening in the feud that he hit her on the head with an iron rod.

In her unconscious state, Yemi reportedly dragged her mother into an uncompleted building near their residence.

When he returned, he reportedly inflicted machete cuts on his elder brother.

Some neighbours, who were attracted to the scene by Oluwasogo's cry for help, later rescued and rushed him to a nearby hospital where he is

said to be responding to treatment.

The neighbours later discovered the deceased inside the uncompleted building and rushed her to the same hospital where she was confirmed dead.

Some residents of the area who spoke on the condition of anonymity said the suspect had become a threat to residents of the area as he had at various times raped female residents.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Oyo State Command, Ms. Olabisi Okuwobi, confirmed the incident and the suspect's arrest to our correspondent.