

One arrested as cultists hack Enugu bizzman to death

THE Enugu State Police Command has confirmed the arrest of a suspect linked to the hacking of a businessman, Luke Eziokwu, to death, at his residence in the Ibite-Okpatu community, in the Udi Local Government Area of the state.

PUNCH Metro gathered

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controversial Lagos socialite, Balogun Eletu, also known as Sam Larry, amongst others.

The singer's body was on September 21, 2023, exhumed for autopsy to unravel the cause of his death.



•The arrested soldiers regrettable."

He disclosed that the two soldiers were in custody.

The statement read, "The Nigerian Army is deeply

that Eziokwu and his niece, Ginika, were at home when an argument that degenerated into a fight happened between them.

Angered by the attacks on her during the fight, our correspondent learnt that Ginika left the scene of the clash and went to report to one Uche, who led cultists to Eziokwu's residence.

The cultists, numbering about six and armed with dangerous weapons including axes, upon sighting Eziokwu, who was at home with his wife, Ukamaka, and two children, Onyinye and Adaobi, allegedly hacked him to death.

Eziokwu's brother, Sunday, while lamenting over the

concerned about the alleged involvement of two of its personnel in a reported case of theft at the Dangote Refinery in Lagos.

"This act of criminality, which was prevented by the proactive intervention of vigilant troops and private security operatives on duty at the refinery, is totally unacceptable and highly regrettable. It does not, therefore, represent the ethics and values of the NA. The two suspects have been identified and are currently under custody."

Onyema said the soldiers were hired by a contractor



• Eziokwu

development, urged the Enugu State Police Command to track down the cultists responsible for the death of the businessman.

The 49-year-old told PUNCH

identified as Smart.

He noted that a preliminary investigation conducted in the incident revealed that Smart informed the soldiers that he needed to retrieve some cables that had been left behind at the facility.

Onyema added that when they got there, Smart sensed trouble, then excused himself and left the scene.

He said, "Preliminary investigation reveals that the two suspects were hired by a civilian contractor simply identified as Mr Smart, who claimed he wanted to recover
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Metro, "My late brother argued with one of our nieces, Ginika. The argument led to a fight and out of annoyance, Ginika called Uche, who came with his brother, Agu, to the house, and after seeing Eziokwu, they left.

"Around 11 pm, Uche's brother led about six cultists to my brother's house, and when I saw them from my side of the building, I started demanding what happened, and he attacked me and broke the window of my flat.

"He came with five cultists, and they started calling Eziokwu's name. He broke the door, and when they entered, they started attacking Eziokwu until he was killed. After a short while, I saw the cultists carrying someone out of Luke's apartment."

Sunday said he traced the cultists' footprints to Agu's house, adding that he reported the case to the Chief Security Officer, Thomas Ibekwe, who led security officials to Agu's house, where they saw clothes and boots stained with blood.

He noted that Ibekwe later reported the case at the Ninth Mile Police Station for the case to be properly investigated.

Ibekwe, when contacted, declined to speak on the incident but directed our correspondent to the state police command for further details.

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