

Man arrested for neighbour's death in A'Ibom

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Operatives of the Akwa Ibom State Police Command have arrested one Joseph Eren, a 37-year-old suspect, over the death of his neighbour during a violent altercation in the Ibesikpo Local Government Area of the state.

The suspect was involved in a hot argument with his neighbour, a youth leader in the local government identified as Ekopimo Moses, who sustained severe injuries, according to the statement by the command's Public Relations Officer, DSP Timfon John, on Sunday.

John said the incident, which occurred on Thursday, at about 6pm, degenerated into a physical fight during which both men resorted to using machetes.

According to the police spokesperson, Moses sustained severe injuries in the scuffle that followed and was rushed to the hospital for urgent medical treatment, where he later passed on.

She stated that the arrest of the suspect followed a report by the village head (name withheld) that the two neighbours were fighting over an issue in the area.

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“The Akwa Ibom State Police Command has arrested a suspect in connection with the death of a man following a violent altercation in Ibesikpo Asutan Local Government Area.

“On Thursday, September 11, 2025, at approximately 6:00PM, operatives of the command received a report from a village head (name withheld). The village head stated that the community youth president, Ekopimo Effiong Moses, a 34-year-old male, had a misunderstanding with Joseph Okon Eren, a 37-year-old male who resides in the village but is originally from Ikot Obiondobo in Uruan LGA.

“The disagreement escalated into a physical fight, during which both men used machetes. Ekopimo Effiong Moses sustained severe injuries and was rushed to the hospital for urgent medical treatment. He was later pronounced dead by the doctor on duty.

“The suspect, Joseph Okon Eren, has been arrested and is currently in police custody. A machete, believed to be the weapon used in the incident, has been recovered. The body of the deceased has been deposited at the morgue,” the statement said.

She said the command had launched a discreet investigation into the incident, adding that further details would be communicated to the public as the investigation progressed.