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The assistant head of Arougba village in Oredo Local Government Area of Edo State, Goodluck Uwumahongie, has been beheaded by assailants over alleged land tussle.

The killers were said to have left with the victim's head after he was shot by the assailants.

Late Uwumahongie, aged 85, had fled to Irhirhi after crisis broke out at Aruogba where many houses were burnt and three persons killed.

He was said to be alone at his in-law's residence at Irhirhi village when the attackers struck.

Confirming the incident, widow of the victim, Julie, 55, said she was informed at about 5:30 that her husband had been killed, over a landed property.

"One Osamwonyi had earlier threatened to kill my husband before the crisis. After we ran away from the village during the crisis to seek refuge at my father's village at Irhirhi, Osamwonyi saw him here and said he would still kill him."

When contacted, Edo State Police Command's spokesman, Joseph Edogiawerie, said two suspects had been arrested in connection with the killing.

He said police were on the trail of the killers.

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