

Double tragedy hits Anambra community

■ As man kills brother, mother slumps, dies at police station

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Nokwa community in Idemili South Local Government Area, Anambra State was on Wednesday night hit by double tragedy, after a 38-year-old man, Christian Nwokike was killed by his younger brother during a fight and their mother slumped and died at the Nnobi Police Station from shock.

Many members of the community have deserted the place for fear of being arrested by the police to give account of what they know about the incident. Meanwhile the two bodies have been deposited in a morgue.

Two residents of the community who spoke with *Sunday Sun* on condition of anonymity said that there had been a running feud between the two younger brothers and their elder brother, Benson Nwokike, who they saw as a hindrance to attainment of their desire to sell off lands belonging to the family.

According to our source, the two younger brothers conspired to kill

Benson, but their plan apparently boomeranged. As the story was told to *Sunday Sun*, the two conspirators deliberately got a into a serious 'fight' with each other on the fateful night, screaming and tearing at each other.

The source said: "I think it was a deliberate conspiracy which turned sour for the conspirators. The three brothers are all vulcanizers. The

firstborn is said to be a good man who did not support the evil plans of his two younger brothers. For example, each time they planned to sell their family land, the firstborn would disagree with them. And when they want to foment trouble in the kindred, he would distance himself from it. So they began to see him as a stumbling block that had to be rolled aside for them car-

ry out every plan of theirs. So we believe they planned to kill their elder brother. On that Wednesday night, as part of their plan, the two younger brothers got into a fight. When their elder brother ran out to separate them, the youngest brother picked up a heavy wood to club him. Mistakenly, he hit his co-conspirator and immediate

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•Nwokike family house.