

Assailants kidnap 3 kids of murdered couple

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PALPABLE fear has enveloped the entire village of Umuezeala in Umuagwo community of Okwelle, Onuimo Council Area of Imo State following the disappearance of 3 kids the same night that their parents were murdered by unknown assailants.

This was even as the landlord in whose house the dastardly murder of the couple, simply iden-

tified as Onyebuchi and Onyinye occurred had fled the community.

Sunday Sun reliably gathered that the deceased couple who were murdered last Wednesday night, June 29, had recently rented a single room apartment from Mr. Ebuka Ezeala of Umuaru Kindred in Umuezeala Umuagwo community.

It was equally learnt that while Onyebuchi was an indigene of Okohia in Isiala Mbano, the

wife was from Ezza in Ebonyi state.

According to a source, the woman was allegedly raped before she was strangled to death, as their assailants had already killed the husband who had a deep matchet cut at the back of his head.

The source further disclosed that the 3 kids of the deceased couple were apparently taken away by the killers of their parents.

"It was the person who had hired them for

farm labour who went to their house to find out why they did not show up that discovered their dead bodies and raised the alarm which attracted the people. It was a pitiable sight.

The woman who had apparently been raped was stark naked, and her husband had a deep matchet cut at the back of his head."

"They were in that position when the police who were alerted arrived

the scene and took them away to a morgue. But their three little kids had been taken away by those who killed their parents."

When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer of the Imo state Command, Mr. Andrew Enwerem, who confirmed the ugly incident, said that three suspects have already been arrested in connection with the murder and that investigation is still on going.