

kidnappers in Abua/Udual Local Government Area of the

Iyok Community in Abua-Udual on Monday evening.

of the expatriate escaped with his principal, aided by resi-

bandits killed a soldier, policeman and driver.

Man arrested for stabbing 2 brothers to death

From Paul Osuyi, Asaba

THE police have arrested a middle-aged man, Phillip Nwani, who allegedly stabbed two of his younger brothers to death in Asaba, the capital of Delta State.

The suspect was arrested at the hospital where he had fled for treatment after allegedly killing his siblings at the family house on Sunday evening.

Public relations officer of the state police command, DSP Andrew Aniamaka, who confirmed the arrest to our correspondent yesterday, added that the matter was under investigation, and declined further comments.

Nwani, who was suspected to be suffering from a mental illness, was said to have had a misunderstanding with his immediate younger brother, Nwayo,

which led to a fight. A witness said that the suspect used a matchete on Nwayo, who managed to call his younger brother, Kingsley, on phone to come home and rescue him from their elder brother.

The witness stated that, as soon as Kingsley arrived the scene to rescue his immediate elder brother, the suspect reached out for a dagger and stabbed him

(Kingsley) in the stomach, spilling his intestines. And he died on the spot.

According to the source, Nwayo, who was already in the pool of blood, was rushed to the hospital where he gave up the ghost, due to loss of blood and the severity of the matchete cuts allegedly inflicted on him by the suspect.

It was gathered that the father of the siblings died some years ago, leaving some properties behind, including a filling station said to be operated by the two younger brothers (now late).

Meanwhile, a top police source confided in *Daily Sun* that the murder was very "delicate and sensitive." He said: "I am sure that is why those who are officially supposed to give you information are evading it. The bereaved mother is highly placed in government quarters, and it would not be appropriate to continue to aggravate her pains with the police officially giving details to the public without restraint."

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