Man hacks wife, brother to death in Imo

•Grandfather, 2 sons die of food poisoning

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Avutu autonomous community in Obowo Local Government Area of Imo State yesterday as a man hacked his wife and brother to death.

This is just as a grandfather, Moses Oguebuka, and two of his grandsons at Umuewi Okwudor community in Njaba Local Government Area died of suspected food poisoning on Monday.

Nnmadi Amajuoyi was alleged to have hacked his wife to death following a misunderstanding between the two.

The suspect, who fled the community to Umuahia through the Imo River, equally killed his brother.

Daily Sun reliably gathered from community sources that Amajuoyi started beating his wife over a misunderstanding in the early hours of the day in the family house. The source disclosed that Amajuoyi dealt his wife several matchete cuts and left her in the pool of her blood.

"Nnmadi Amajuoyi had matcheted his wife to death over a misunderstanding in his room. Even his younger brother who came to his room was also attacked and killed apparently to cover up his evil. Immediately after the heinous act he escaped through Imo River to Umuahia."

However, when contacted, the police public relations officer in the state, Ikokwu Orlando, said he would get back to the reporter assoon as he confirmed the incident. But as at press time, he was yet to get back.

Similarly, the Unuewi Okwudor community in Njaba LGA were thrown into mourning when the lifeless bodies of Oguebuka and his grand sons were discovered yesterday.

It was learnt that Oguebuka, who lived alone with his equally deceased grand sons, was a very controversial figure that had been at loggerheads with several of his kinsmen.

Oguebuka, it was learnt, was a widower and lived with his two grandsons.

However, it was gathered that the bodies were discovered by his female friend from Awomama, who had come on a visit, and discovered that the door to the house was locked from the inside.

It was further learnt that the woman went to the backyard, peeped through the window open and on seeing the lifeless bodies raised the alarm, which attracted members of the community. The door to the house was subsequently destroyed.

Oguebuka's grand sons, who were aged between seven and 10, were pupils of St. Barnabas Primary School, Unuewi Okwudor.