

Man beheads daughter, buries body in shallow grave in Edo

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OPERATIVES of the local vigilance in Edo State, Edo State Security Network (ESSN) have arrested a

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security threat at the moment," he emotionally stated.

Hussaini added: "The gunmen fled to the bush, but police personnel have since been deployed to the community to restore law and order. We are calling for more security deployment in the area because we don't know what may happen anytime soon," he expressed concern.

The Spokesperson of the Plateau State Police Command, DSP Alfred Alabo, when contacted on the unfortunate development, declined responding to the inquiries.

Wase LGA has, over the years, continued to suffer from ravaging operations of banditry and kidnapping, but recorded relative peace for almost a year, until the recent attacks.

middle aged man for killing his daughter and burying her body in a shallow grave in the Uteh Community in Ikpoba Okha Local Government Area of the state.

The suspect, Mr. Emmanuel Ovwarueso, said he killed her for money.

The young man, popularly known and addressed as Emma One, confessed to the ESSN operatives who apprehended him at the Uteh area of the Upper Mission Road Extension, an area where the suspect resides with his family, that he committed the crime.

His wife, whose name could not be confirmed at the time of press, said, "my husband's attitude changed recently. He kept saying I should not look at him like a poor man anymore. Even at his place of work, he was buying drinks for everyone as if he was celebrating. Even his co-workers were surprised at his new spending style. He even told them that his money was very near. We never knew he was having

such a dangerous plan."

The vigilance member, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said: "We saw him that Thursday night with a bag, walking so fast like he was rushing to catch up with a flight.

"We stopped him, but he resisted us. We asked what was inside the bag, he said it was his food.

"So we searched the bag and found a human head inside. We interrogated him and from the way he was talking, it was obvious he was hiding something.

"So we took him to his house and we met his wife tied down. We united her and asked who tied her, she said it was her husband. She told us that her husband tied her down with a rope before killing their daughter.

"He took us to the place where he buried the little girl's body in a shallow grave and the body of the girl was exhumed immediately", he said.

Some residents of the Uteh community, who spoke to newsmen, said "Emma One" is fond of beating his wife and kids regularly. Some of his co-workers said he is heartless and loves fighting uncontrollably.

Contacting the Edo State Police Command for confirmation, the Public Relations Officer of the command, SP Chidi Nwabuzor, said he was yet to be briefed about it. He said when he finds out, he would get back to the reporter.

"I am not aware. I'll find out and when I do, I will get back to you", Nwabuzor said.

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sold a poorly crafted story to the governor who rushed to gleefully announce the verdict. Assuming without conceding that what the governor said was true, does rustling or killing cows justify the massive killing of 18 people as of today? Is this a good justification?

"What happened to the anti open grazing law which the governor said was in force, and the two weeks ultimatum given, which has expired?"

While noting that such a

judgment and, therefore, was not fair and didn't also adhere to principles of justice as he apportioned blame without thorough investigation.

"At a time when lives are lost, and properties worth millions are razed, it is disheartening that the governor chose to cast unwarranted accusations upon the youths of Wandor, Mbaikyor, our people, who have already endured the brunt of external forces, now face unjustified condemnation.