

Octogenarian stabs wife to death

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former Director General of the Imo Broadcasting Corporation (IBC), Mr. T.C. Okere, aged 86, has allegedly stabbed his 77-year-old wife to death.

Okere, largely believed to be mentally unstable, allegedly killed his wife yesterday morning at Imerienwe community in Ngor Okpala Local Government Area of Imo State.

The victim was a retiree of the Imo State Polytechnic, Umuagwo.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Orlando Ikeokwu, confirmed the incident. He, however, did not give details of the incident.

Ikeokwu also disclosed that the octogenarian had been arrested and was still in custody.

A resident of the community said Okere was suffering an advanced stage of dementia and was not even aware that his wife was dead.

According to him, Okere's health status is a public knowledge to members of their community.

He said: "When he was asked about his wife, he said his wife was sleeping. In the same way, Pa Okere had only recently gone to church to announce that his car was missing, forgetting that he left his car in the house. He is mentally unstable and efforts to get him medical help were thwarted by the COVID-19 lockdown."

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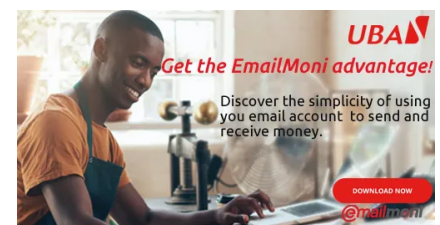
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