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Man dies 5 days after threat over land dispute in Imo

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OWERRI— One Mr. Kenneth Njoku of Umuezuruokam, Nekede, in Owerri West Local Government Area of Imo State, reportedly slumped and died five days after he was allegedly beaten up by a man over a land dispute.

A family source claimed that while one of the persons involved in the alleged land case actually gave the deceased a severe beating, another issued a verbal threat that Njoku would not live to cultivate or build on the said disputed land.

The source said: “One of the men actually went to the deceased man’s house on September 24, gave him a severe beating and rained all manner of abuses on him.”

He also recalled that when the man’s wife tried to intervene, she was also physically assaulted, while some valued properties were allegedly destroyed.

Vanguard was equally told that one other person, who appeared unsatisfied with the humiliation meted out on Njoku, also issued a threat that he would ensure Njoku died within seven days.

It was gathered that the man, who gave Njoku the beating, had been arrested by the police, while his colleague is said to be on the run.

At press time, efforts to get the Police Public Relations Officer of Imo State Police Command, Mr. Andrew Enwerem, for comments, proved abortive.

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