

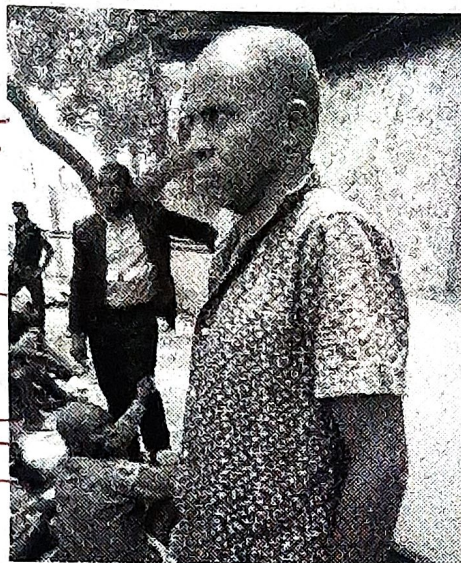
Man, 56, kills wife over domestic quarrel in Bayelsa, attempts suicide

●As 29-yrs-old mentally unstable man strangles mother to death

By Emem Idio

YENAGOA—A 56-year-old man, Christopher Chiabata, was, yesterday, paraded by Bayelsa Police Command for allegedly killing his wife with a pestle over a minor quarrel.

The suspect, a father of five children, who resides in Onuebum community in Ogbia Local Government Area of the state with his family, attempted to take his own life after the incident by taking a substance suspected to be a sniper but was resuscitated by neighbours before he was arrested.



Chiabata arrested for allegedly killing his wife.

How I killed my wife —Suspect

Narrating what transpired on that fateful day to journalists, Chiabata, a native of Anambra State, who said they have been married for 30 years, said: "It is a long story. My wife is fond of putting all the money we worked into her pocket and this has been happening for two years now.

"I told her to give me an account but she refused. We went to the farm because I am a farmer and we started quarrelling. I sent her home and did the work all alone. When she got home, she took all my belongings and kept them outside.

"I told her that I cannot leave my house because of my children, she started a quarrel and some neighbours intervened. She started throwing stones at me, before I knew it, I threw a pestle at her and it hit her head.

"When I saw that she was dead I went to drink chemical to die because as the head of the house, I am the one that is supposed to die."

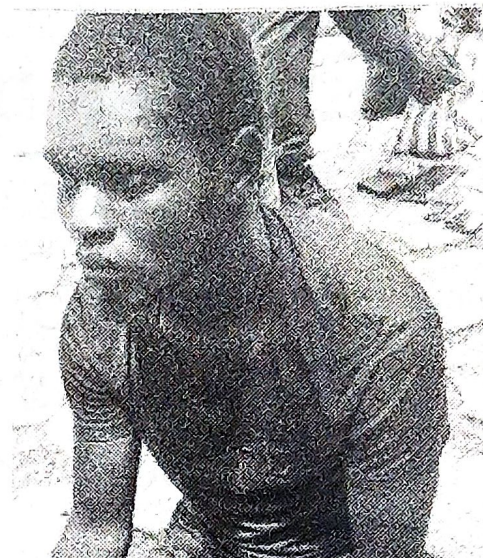
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Also paraded by the state Commissioner of Police, Mike Okoli, was a 29-year-old mentally unstable man, Lazarus Josiah, who allegedly strangled his 58-year-old mother identified as Mrs Chain Bishop, to death.

The suspect allegedly killed his mother over allegations of witchcraft in Odioma community of Brass Local Government Area.

Speaking on how he killed his mother, Lazarus Josiah said: "Since 2006 I started suffering from epilepsy, which is caused by my mother because she is a witch and many people have been saying it.

"My mother didn't want to sponsor me because she didn't want me to leave



Lazarus Josiah who allegedly strangled his mother to death.

her to become a man of my own, she wanted to keep me as a child.

"That day when I was sleeping, I became angry with the situation I found myself and God showed me in the spirit that my mother is involved. So I burnt some of her belongings and I felt a hot sensation in me which meant that she was responsible for my insanity.

"When she returned from fishing, I fought with that spirit and I killed her with my bare hands."

The two murder suspects were among 42 other suspects paraded at the Bayelsa Police Headquarters by the state Commissioner of Police, Mike Okoli.

Other suspects paraded included a syndicate of armed robbery suspects, who posed as government task force agents to rob unsuspecting members of the public; suspected thieves of truckloads of NEMA mattresses meant for flood victims and cultists among others.

Items recovered from the suspects include a firearm, live ammunition, one tricycle, mattresses and mobile phones.