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# Guards foil attempt to 'steal' corpse of 27-yr-old suspect from morgue

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**YENAGOA**—AN attempt to remove the corpse of 27-year-old Goodluck Ovieke, who was arrested last week in connection with an armed robbery incident and later died in police custody in Yenagoa, Bayelsa State capital was foiled by security guards of the Federal Medical Centre, FMC, Yenagoa.

Recall that Goodluck Ovieke was alleged to be the mastermind of the attack on a patrol team and was arrested on 22 September 2021 at about 0300 hours, while in Police custody the suspect was observed to be running a high temperature and was rushed to the hospital where he eventually died.

According to hospital sources, strange men, numbering four, including a serving lawmaker, arrived at the hospital morgue in a Prado Jeep at about midnight and said they wanted to pay for the release of the corpse but were accosted by men of the *Operation Puff Adder*, Operatives of the Anti-cultism Squad and the Assistant Commissioner of Police, ACP, Operations.

Spokesman of the State Police Command, SP Asinim Butswat, who confirmed the attempt in a statement, yesterday, said: "At about midnight on Saturday, there was an attempt to steal the corpse of the deceased but it was foiled by vigilant security men."

It would be recalled that the State Commissioner of Police, Echeng E. Echeng, had Saturday ordered for discreet investigation

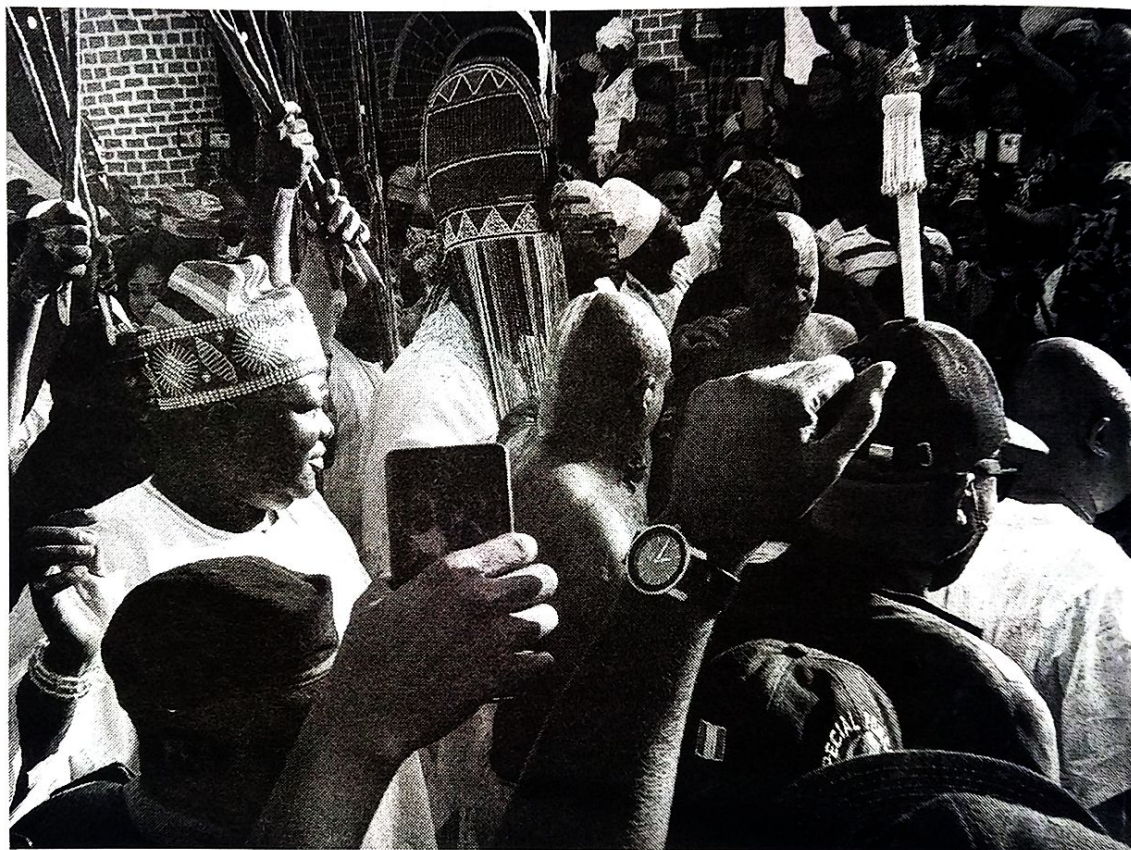
and autopsy to determine the cause of the death of Goodluck Ovieke 'm' 27 years following protest by indigenes of Biogbolo community.

According to the Police, "The deceased suspect was arrested in connection with armed robbery incident that occurred on 21

September 2021, at Biogbolo, Yenagoa, when hoodlums attacked Police Patrol team, fatally injured Inspector Ugbator Sunday and carted away his rifle.

"Preliminary investigation reveals that Goodluck Ovieke was the mastermind of the attack on the patrol team. He was

arrested on 22 September 2021 at about 0300 hours, while in Police custody the suspect was observed to be running a high temperature and was rushed to the hospital where he eventually died. The CP condoles with the family of the deceased and assures the general public that investigation has commenced and the outcome will be made public."



*The Ooni of Ife, Oba Adeyeye Ogunwusi with the Are crown at the 2021 Olojo festival.*