

Man machetes sister-inlaw, sibling, labourer to death on farmland in Ebonyi

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ABAKALIKI—TRAGEDY has struck Uburu community, in Ohaozara Local Government Area, LGA of Ebonyi State, as a middle-aged man, Chibuike Ochie reportedly went berserk and macheted three persons to death in the farm.

OGEGE

I formerly known and addressed as MISS OGEGE ENASE JOY, now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs. OKPOKPOR ENASE JOY. All former documents remain valid. The general public should please take note.

ODJOGU

I formerly known as ODJOGU ANTHONIA ORUESE, Now wish to be known as IKOLO ANTHONIA ORUESE. All former documents remain valid, general public please take note.

NGOZIKA

I formerly known and addressed as. METHODUSED ODIKANUOM. Now wish to be

The victims, Vanguard learned, were his sister-in-law, younger sister and a hired labourer.

It was gathered the sad incident took place on Sunday.

Contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer, PPRO, in the state, Mrs Loveth Odah, yesterday confirmed the incident.

According to Odah, investigations were still on to ascertain what led to the attack and killing of the three persons by their own brother.

She, however, cautioned youths in the area not to take laws into their hands.

According to Odah, "It was reported that by 1640hrs of 24th of October, 2021, when the family of Ochie were in the farm including a hired labourer that was farming for them on that particular day. One of their brothers, Chibuike Ochie, went to the farm and suddenly started macheting them.

"He succeeded in macheting Ogechi Ochie 32 years old who was said to be the wife of the elder brother and

the younger sister Margaret Ochie, 35 years old and the said labourer. The three of them were macheted to death on that farm and he escaped.

"In the process of fleeing the scene, irate youths of that area caught and mobbed him. As I am talking to you now he is still critically sick to the extent that he is living on a life support machine.

"Investigation is still on, but it will be properly ongoing when this man survives.

"That is why we keep discouraging the youth from taking laws into their hands especially when a person committed offence like this. If they brought the person to us, he would have told us the reasons he had to do this to his family members and he would have faced the law. But in this case, a lot of money is being spent to revive this person.

"The incident took place at Obegu farm in Uburu. According to the DPO who visited the place, he said the farmland is about 25km away from Uburu town."