

# Drunk herbalist dies as dog eats his private parts in Calabar

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**C**ALABAR—TRAGEDY has hit Jebba Street in Calabar South Local Government Area, LGA, of

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He explained that 85 wraps of dried leaves, suspected to be Indian hemp, 136 assorted tablets of illicit drugs, 24 pieces of rubber solution, popularly known as 'sholisho', and one knife were recovered during the raids.

The PPRO added that one of the suspects was found to be connected with the case of culpable homicide that occurred in August 2021.

Shiisu recalled that on August 6, at about 7:50 hours, some angry people in the village (Babaldu) chased a suspected motorcycle thief, killed and set him ablaze.

Cross River State as a 60-year-old herbalist, Ani Ikoneto, has died after his dog ate up his private parts.

The man, who lived at 12, Jebbs Street in Calabar South, according to neighbours, went on a drinking spree on Christmas Eve and returned home drunk.

One of his neighbours identified as Itoro said "When he came back, we had gone to bed but some people were still outside. He went inside his room and slept off without shutting the door and because of too much drink, he excreted on himself. His dog that was outside smelt the faeces and went inside to eat it. In the process, the dog ate his private parts thinking it was meat or part of the excreta."

According to him, the man

raised the alarm, prompting neighbours to rush into his apartment and discovered what had happened, saying "When we heard him scream, we thought hoodlums had attacked him. But when we got there, we saw that his private part was gone and his dog had blood on its mouth."

Itoro said the man could not be rushed to the hospital because of the excreta that covered his body and needed to be cleaned up first.

"By the time we finished cleaning him of the shit, he was bleeding so much and on the way to the hospital he died," she added.

The man lived alone as his daughters are married and lived away from him. He was taken to his village, Ikoneto on Boxing Day for burial.