

Ebonyi Police lament rampant killings of wives by husbands

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ABAKALIKI—THE Ebonyi State Police command has decried the growing rate of killing of women by their husbands in the state.

The command said in a space of two months, three housewives were killed, allegedly by their husbands, describing it as an "unacceptable horrible act."

The command, therefore, warned men to desist from such ugly acts or face the wrath of the law.

The Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Joshua Ukandu, who spoke in his office in

Abakaliki, cautioned men to control their anger during altercation with their wives.

Narrating the ugly incidents, Ukandu said on September 4 this year, a middle-aged man allegedly killed his wife, Ugochi, because she frowned on his maltreatment of their maid. The incident, he said, took place at Etim community in Etim Edda Local Government Area of the state.

Ugochi was said to have been attacked by the husband as she tried to stop her husband from maltreating the house help.

The slain woman, according to the PPRO, had three children, a nine-year-old girl and twin boys who are now seven years old.

Ukandu disclosed that a similar incident happened on October 4 at Igweledoha, Ngbo Community in Ohaukwu council area, where a husband was alleged to have also killed his wife following a domestic misunderstanding.

He also announced that on October 20, a man residing along Ogoja Road, Abakaliki, allegedly killed his wife by hitting her head with an iron rod.

The PPRO described the incidents as "unfortunate", adding that the police operatives from the command have arrested the suspects.

According to him, after investigations, they would be charged with alleged culpable homicide, wife battery, and unlawful maltreatment of housemaid.