Adamawa man lands in police net after killing brother accused of witchcraft

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An Adamawa man has landed in Police custody after allegedly killing his elder brother, who was accused of witchcraft.

The man, 42-year-old John Clerkson, from Dumna Zarbu in Guyuk Local Government Area of Adamawa State, reportedly murdered his 57-year-old elder brother, Mohammed Clerkson.

The suspect accused the deceased of being responsible for the death of some people in the community.

DAILY POST gathered that the incident occurred on August 29, when John confronted Mohammed and accused him of bewitching the wife of his own son.

John, who is currently in the custody of the Adamawa State Police Command, reportedly accosted his elder brother for "catching the spirit" of the wife of his son, Robert Mohammed, as a result of which the wife fainted.

It was gathered that when news went round that Mohammed was allegedly the witch terrorizing the inhabitants of the community, residents trooped to his house with their sick family members, asking him to release them from the 'spirit of sickness'.

It was further gathered that a fight broke out between John, the suspect, and his elder brother, Mohammed, when the former demanded explanation concerning the alleged witchcraft.

According to the Police, John, who was arrested after Mohammed died, is claiming that he was not responsible for his brother's death.

The suspect claimed that Mohammed died after he was pelted with stones by youths of the community.

Confirming the development, the Police Public Relations Officer in the state, SP Suleiman Nguroje, said the suspect would be properly investigated and prosecuted.