

Man found dead after quarrel with wife

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OMORO. When Charles Ojok and his wife secured a bumper maize and sunflower harvest last December, the couple agreed to sell part of the harvest and buy a bull to add to what they bought earlier, to support their farming.

The couple, residing in Arwotomiya Cell, had harvested eight bags of maize, 12 bags of sunflower, and three bags of soybeans.

However, everything changed when the pair picked a quarrel over how and when to sell the harvest, Ms Vicky Apio, the couple's neighbour, said.

Ms Apio, who intervened thrice, said: "While they agreed to sell the food and buy an ox, Ojok wanted to divert their money for a motorcycle."

"For the last two days, the couple, who have four children, were in conflict. We sat down to mediate, but Ms Monica Akello (Ojok's wife) would insist on carrying away part of the food since the husband disagreed with the earlier plan," she added.

At the weekend, locals found Ojok's body dangling inside his house, after he allegedly died by suicide on Saturday, after engaging in a fight with his wife.

Ms Akello said her husband had started sneaking into the store and selling parts of the produce to buy alcohol. "Ojok is a drunkard... In the previous season, we harvested beans and soybeans, and my husband always claimed total control of the food stock but ended up diverting the purpose we agree for," she said.

Ms Akello added: "He threatened to kill himself if I called

clan leaders to intervene. Out of shame, he claimed he would be belittled since he does not provide family needs like... paying school fees for children."

Mr Alfred Okullu, Ojok's father, said repeated attempts to resolve the disputes in his son's home had failed.

"As family members, we have been talking to them and advising them, but because my son likes drinking above everything, he would ignore us," he said.

The disagreements emerged in 2024 when Ojok reportedly sold food and used the Shs2m to buy alcohol.

"When his wife raised the issue with us, he [Ojok] refused to appear before us and always threatened to take his own life since we are bothering him," Mr Okullu said.



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