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Man killed during brawl at funeral

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AMURU: Police in Amuru District are investigating the circumstances under which an 18-year-old man died after allegedly being assaulted during funeral rites following an outbreak of violence on Saturday morning.

The deceased has been identified as Daniel Oyera, a resident of Lagwedola Village, Opara Sub-county in Amuru District. Oyera died at Atiak Health Centre IV, where he had been admitted after sustaining injuries during an altercation at a funeral ceremony in a neighbouring village.

The victim's brother, Innocent Awich said Oyera, had gone to Puroc Village to attend a funeral where music was playing. He said his brother was among the mourners dancing to the music when violence broke out.

Awich explained that Oyera was assaulted, lost consciousness, and was later rushed to Atiak Health Centre IV, where he died several hours later.

The Aswa West Regional Police spokesperson, ASP David Ongom Mudong, confirmed the incident, saying one of the suspects involved in the assault has been identified and investigations are ongoing.

"It is alleged that on January 30, during the night, one Oyera Daniel, now deceased, went to Puroc Village for funeral rites. Music was playing throughout the night, and people were dancing. The deceased was among those dancing," ASP Mudong said.

He added that in the early hours of Saturday, at around 4am, Oyera was badly assaulted by yet to be identified people. He sustained serious injuries and became unconscious before being rushed to Atiak Health Centre IV, where he died at around 5pm. The cause of the fight has not yet been established.

Oyera's body was burried on Wednesday afternoon in Lagwedola Village.

This is the second case of death by assault recorded in Amuru District in less than two weeks.

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On January 21, a 25-year-old papyrus mat maker was killed during a fight over Shs2,000.

The suspect, a male resident of Wii-Owaa Village in Pabbo Sub-county, allegedly attacked Kennedy Akera Ajoke after the latter went to claim his money.

According to a preliminary police investigation, the suspect had taken a mat from the deceased after paying Shs2,000 and promised to clear the balance of Shs3,000 later.

However, when Akera went to his home to demand payment, the suspect reportedly turned violent.

In a related incident, a man identified as Sunday Olango, a resident of Lalongo-Oyeke Trading Centre in Omel Sub-county, Gulu District, allegedly attacked and killed his step-brother, Francis Mwaka, using a stick. The incident occurred on Thursday evening at around 6pm.

Police said both men were reportedly drunk at the time. Olango has since been arrested and charged with murder under CRB number 60/2026.

Meanwhile, Samuel Okello, a 38-year-old farmer and a resident of Omoti Village in Patiko Sub-county, Gulu District, died after allegedly being assaulted by three men. Okello was pronounced dead on arrival at Awach Health Centre IV.

Police said the victim had a quarrel with one suspect, before two others joined the fight. Two of the suspects are currently on the run, while one is being held at Gulu Central Police Station on murder charges.

Police said these incidents have contributed to the rising number of homicide cases recorded in the West Acholi region since the beginning of the year.

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