

Ibadan: Man arrested over alleged possession of murdered girl's head

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...escapes lynching by mob

A 23-year-old suspect, Sodiq Kayode Akorede, escaped lynching by an angry mob on Saturday at Adigun Village, Olorunda Ogunsola area of Ibadan, Oyo State, after he was found with the severed head of a six-year-old girl identified as Mutiyat Sunday, whom he allegedly murdered.

He was, however, rescued and taken into custody by police operatives in Oyo State Police Command.

The suspect's arrest was confirmed in a statement by the command's public relations officer, DSP Olayinka Ayanlade, on Sunday.

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Ayanlade said that when the report was received, the Commissioner of Police, Abimbola Ayodeji Olugbenga, promptly directed operatives to the scene, and the suspect was rescued despite stiff resistance by the irate mob.

Recovered was the severed human head which the suspect was found with.

According to the PPRO, the suspect, when interrogated, confessed to the killing.

He was thereafter taken to a medical facility for necessary treatment following injuries sustained from the mob attack.

Ayanlade stated that he would be transferred to the State Criminal Investigation Department (CID) for discreet investigation and prosecution after medical treatment.

The PPRO added: "In light of the foregoing, the Commissioner of Police strongly warns against acts of jungle justice, as such unlawful actions impede thorough investigation and ultimately truncate the course of justice.

"The Command reassures members of the public that justice will be served in this matter and urges residents to remain law-abiding while promptly reporting suspicious activities to the nearest police formation."