

Police arrest man with six-year-old girl's head in Oyo

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The Oyo State Police Command has arrested a 23-year-old man found with a human head in Ibadan, the state capital.

The command's spokesperson, Ayanlade Olayinka, said in a statement on Sunday made available to journalists in Ibadan, the state capital, that the incident occurred on Saturday, April 11, in Adigun Village, Olorunda Ogunsola area of Ona-Ara Local Government Area.

According to Olayinka, the command acted on information that a young girl had been unlawfully killed and her head severed.

He said the head was allegedly found in the possession of one Sodiq Akorede at the Olorunda Ogunsola area.

He added that the Commissioner of Police, Ayodeji Olugbenga, immediately directed operatives to move to the scene, secure the exhibit, and arrest the suspect despite resistance from an angry mob.

Ayanlade stated that the suspect was rescued from mob attack and taken into custody.

He said, "The command wishes to inform the general public of a tragic incident that occurred on April 11, 2026, in Adigun Village, Olorunda Ogunsola area of Ibadan.

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“In connection with the above, the command received information that a young girl had been unlawfully killed, with her head severed and reportedly found in the possession of one Sodi Kayode Akorede ‘M’ at the aforementioned location.

“Upon receipt of this information, the Commissioner of Police, Oyo State Command, CP Abimbola Ayodeji Olugbenga, promptly directed that operatives be mobilised to the scene, the suspect be rescued, and the exhibit secured.

“Consequently, in compliance with this directive, police officers swiftly mobilised to the scene and, despite stiff resistance from an irate mob, acted with professionalism, restraint, and in accordance with the law to successfully rescue and arrest the suspect, as well as secure the exhibit found in his possession.

“Following the arrest, preliminary investigation revealed that the suspect, one Sodi Kayode Akorede ‘M’, aged 23, allegedly unlawfully killed a six-year-old girl, later identified as Mutiyatu Sunday ‘F’, and severed her head, which was recovered from him.

“Furthermore, upon interrogation, the suspect confessed to the commission of the crime. He was thereafter conveyed to a medical facility for necessary treatment following injuries sustained from the mob attack and will be transferred to the State Criminal Investigation Department (CID) for discreet investigation and prosecution.”

The Commissioner of Police warned against jungle justice, saying it obstructs proper investigation and the course of justice.

The command also urged residents to remain law-abiding and report suspicious activities to security agencies.