

16-year-old murdered in Amawbia

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RITUALISTS are again on the prowl in and around Awka, the Anambra state capital with the latest victim, a 16-year-old boy, Master Chika Eziegbuna, student of Comprehensive Secondary School, Nawfia who was found dead in a farm land at Umukabia, Amawbia, Awka South Local Government Area.

Parts of his body including the eyes, tongue, genitals and the breast were cut off.

Saturday Champion investigations revealed that Master Eziegbuna was last seen with a friend (names withheld) who is also a student of Comprehensive Secondary School, Nawfia.

The friend is suspected to have led Master Eziegbuna to where he was murdered by unknown assassins.

The suspect is already in police custody along side his alleged accomplice, a native doctor who lives close to where the body of late Master Chika Eziegbuna was dumped. Both are said to be helping the police in their investigation.

The mother of Chika Eziegbuna reported that her son was last seen on Saturday when he went out in company of the said friend and never came

back before a search party was organized on Sunday to look for him only to find his dead body.

Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) Mr Fidelis Agbo told *Saturday Champion* that it was not yet an issue of ritual killing until it is investigated and proved to be so. "We are still investigating but the matter has been transferred to the state criminal investigation department (CID) and we would not like to talk on it until after investigation".

On all other questions thrown at him, he said, "that's what we are investigating" but some arrests have been made in connection to that and until we finish our investigations we cannot say what actually is happening and those in the act".

But the District Police Officer (DPO) of Central Police station, Awka Mr J A Ogundele who confirmed the story said they have started investigation on the matter to uncover those behind the killing and what motivated them.

Students of Comprehensive Nawfia who spoke to our reporter described the killing of Chika as bizarre as such had never happened to students of the school. They asked the police to do a thorough investigation to bring all involved to book to avoid future occurrence.