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## Man arrested for plucking wife's eyes

CAJETAN MMUTA, Asaba

A suspected ritualist and three armed bandits are now in Delta State Police net for committing various criminal activities in some parts of the state.

The armed robbery suspects were nabbed along the Asaba-Ibusa road in the capital city by the Joint Police/Military security outfit recently constituted by Governor Emmanuel Uduaghan.

The alleged ritualist, (names withheld) of Aka road, Okokomaiko, Ojo Lagos was arrested following a tip off by the police at the Sapele Divisional office by one Mrs. Queen Ikoye of Ugnerikoko area of the town that the suspect plucked out the two eyes of his late wife for rituals.

Mrs. Ikoye had on September 19, this year at about 4:30 pm alerted men of the police station in Sapele that the suspect who until the incident was the husband of her late sister, one Christiana Penda aged 45 years brought home the corpse of the said sister with her two eyes plucked.

The discovery of the dastard act by the supposed widower came to the open when Mrs. Ikoye, moments after her in-law brought home the sister's corpse from Lagos, had a close observation on the lifeless body of the deceased only to discover that blood was dripping out of her two eyes.

The woman had immediately raised alarm which attracted some sympathizers and subsequent invitation of detectives from the State Police Command who arrested the suspect.

*Daily Champion* gathered that the deceased wife died since May 13 this year.

Further observations at the corpse showed that other vital parts of the late woman were removed for ritual purposes by the late husband who could not provide details of the missing organs.

The case is presently being investigated by the State Criminal Investigation Department

Meanwhile the three armed robbery suspects were nabbed along the Asaba-Ibusa road by the Joint Police/Military security outfit recently constituted in the state.

The Joint security team had during a routine patrol suspected the trio in a vehicle to be robbers, even as 27 live ammunitions were found in their possession.

Also recovered from them was a mock gun. On interrogation one of them claimed that he was a security guard in the house of one Halim in Asaba.

They had in another twist said they were members of the local vigilante group but could not state the location.

The Police Public Relations Officer, PPRO, in the state ,Mr. Ishaku Banawi when contacted confirmed the two incidents.

Mr. Banawi said the command is leaving no stone unturned in the efforts to rid the state of bad eggs especially during the ember months.



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