

Police quiz herbalist, others over alleged murder

THE Police in Kwara have arrested three men, including a herbalist, for allegedly beheading an eight-year-old boy, Amidu Sanda, in Irepodun Local Government of the state.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Mr. Alao AbdulAzeez, who disclosed this Tuesday to the *News Agency of Nigeria* (NAN) in Ilorin, said the suspects were arrested on Ajase-Ipo-Offa road at Ajase-Ipo, in Irepodun Local Government.

He said they were arrested following a tipoff, adding that they were apprehended, while attempting to take the head to Lagos.

The police spokesman, who said the victim was beheaded for, ritual purpose, added that the suspects had all made confessional statements to the police and that a man-

hunt has been launched for another suspect who escaped arrest.

He said the suspects would be charged to court as soon as investigations were concluded by the police.

In an interview with newsmen, the herbalist admitted involvement in the crime, saying that he asked the other suspects to get a human head for him.

According to him, he rejected the head because it was a fresh one which could not be used for wealth creation and protection.

The herbalist, who lives in Offa, also confessed that somebody in Lagos hired him to procure the human head.

Another suspect said he lured the boy, who was an orphan into the bush, where he and his accomplices cut off his head and took it to Offa.