

Osun police arrest 2 for killing hunchback lady

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POLICE in Osun State have arrested three suspects in Iragbiji, Boriipe local government area of Osun State for allegedly killing a 22-year-old hunchback woman for ritual purposes.

The three suspects identified as Asimiyu Kolapo, Mukaila Kolawole and Isaac Ayandokun were alleged to have on September 29, at about 10.30pm kidnapped the victim, Taibat Oseni from her home and allegedly killed her in an uncompleted building belonging to a prominent politician in the town.

Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Clement Akinola who confirmed the arrest however said the ring

leader of the group, Mosudi Abisoye (a.k.a. Compol), is being hunted for by the police.

Police said that although it had recovered the hunch of the woman from the suspects, her corpse was, however, yet to be recovered from where it was buried.

Police sources said that the deceased was kidnapped from her house by the suspects while her cry for help attracted of a vigilante who chased the suspects to an abandoned building owned by a prominent politician in the town.

The residential building said to belong to a prominent politician in the town was said to have been abandoned more than 15 years ago.

The hunchback woman was said to have been killed by the suspects who cleverly removed the hunch from her back.

Mr. Akinola said that the hunch recovered from the suspects had been taken to Ladoke Akintola

Teaching Hospital, Osogbo for preservation and examination.

Akinola said that the police were still investigating the crime adding that the suspects would be charged to court as soon as investigation was completed.

Ekpu endorses FG's amnesty for militants

MR. Ray Ekpu, the Editor-in-chief of *Newswatch* magazine, on Wednesday endorsed the Federal Government's amnesty for militants in the Niger Delta.

Fielding questions from journalists in Minna during an interactive session with officers and men of the Nigeria Army's Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) on community relations, Ekpu expressed the hope that the amnesty would be a success.

He said the amnesty was a good step in the right direction but that more pressures should be put on the militants to ensure success.

Ekpu said the Federal Government should show more commitment towards ensuring the success of the exercise by keeping to all articles of the amnesty relating to the rehabilitation of the militants.

He said the country deserved more peace and stability for its growth, as it was impossible for security agents to police the nation's 6,000-kilometre pipelines within the

region.

He expressed support for the involvement of Prof. Wole Soyinka in the peace process due to his international status, provided the Nobel laureate agreed to the offer.

Ekpu called for the closing of the communication gap between the Army, their host communities as well as the media, in order to reduce friction between them.

The TRADOC Commander, Major-General Augustine Ogunedo said that the interactive session was organised by the command in order to improve civil relations with the larger society.

He said the frequent clashes between the armed forces and members of the civil society did not augur well for the service itself.

The programme director of the command, Prof. Ebere Onwudiwe said the session would make the troops appreciate the centrality of community relations to the effectiveness of their roles and functions.

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