

I witnessed killing of 16 persons — Student

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WHILE The Lagos state Police Command may beat its chest that it has allegedly fought armed robbery suspects and other violent crimes to a halt in the proposed mega city, same could not be said of ritualists and other sundry crimes, like 'catch in the air' which are on the increase in the commercial hub center of the country.

Ritualists have in recent times hacked several innocent victims to death in some of the bushes and uncompleted buildings in Lagos while others have been victims of one chance robbery, especially at nights.

Discreet investigations revealed that some bushes at Ikorodu, Badagry, Epe and Sango Ota in Ogun state are some of the areas in which the evil men carry out their operation. Also some highly fenced unoccupied houses at Apapa, Lekki, Ajah and environs are used as hacking centers where the heads and vital organs of human beings are chopped off by agents of the ritualists.

A 16-year-old secondary school pupil at FESTAC, Lagos (Names with held), who escaped death by divine intervention told **Daily Champion** that she witnessed the killing of over 16 persons in Ikorodu bush, a forth night ago. The Junior Secondary School Certificate, JSS pupil, who is yet to recover from the shock, said some women were raped and sexually abused by the wicked beasts before cutting their tongues, breast and other vital parts of the body.

She said that what she described as 'journey to hell' started on a Monday morning when she stepped out from their house at Obagoriola, Ajangbadi, Ojo, Lagos to enter a bus to the school. According to her she entered a Danfo bus to Mile two and paid the fare as demanded by an unusual gentle looking conductor who allegedly was polite to the passengers. She said that as they were approaching the Ojo Military barracks, some of the men inside the bus started behaving funny by spraying a powdered fragrance, apparently to force them to sleep. The student added that one of the passengers who wanted to alight at Satelight was refused by some people who were agents of the ritualists. His alleged resistance attracted heavy beatings by using the butts of their guns on him. They displayed their pistols and properly identified themselves as evil men and warned every body to cooperate or risk his life.

"I first thought that they were armed robbers and since I had no money on me I kept quiet till at First Gate where I was supposed to come down, the conductor who was also armed refused to open the door and I was warned not to talk or shout. We passed several police points at Oshodi, Ajegunle and Ikorodu and the police men at Ikorodu collected N100.00 from our driver who hailed the Corporal on duty and the police man asked him to carry go. When we eventually reached the road to the bush, the driver moved into

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•As ritualists take over Lagos bushes, unoccupied houses



•Onovo IGP



•Udah AIG



•Akpoyibo CP, Lagos

the bush a little and stopped and 10 hefty men on mask, came out and motioned us to a wooden house that appears red as a result of spilled blood. I nearly fainted but God intervened. I was the second person on the que but one of their actors who sighted me afar, asked me to go back. I obeyed and continued in prayerasking my God to show them that I am her daughter and a Chosen. While I was there I witnessed the gruesome death of over 16 passengers and many people were still brought to the place by commercial bus drivers who were paid for the act. The cry of those hacked to death were chilling and disturbing but the evil men took joy in doing them. I prayed and later brought out my annointed handkerchief and something happened. The leader of the team came out and roared on his 'boys' on why they brought a stubborn girl from a higher kingdom (Jesus) to destroy their kingdom. He asked me to leave their kingdom immediately and further asked the boys to return all my belongings as they are causing trouble in their kingdom. One of them was detailed to take me back to the track and I can recognise the place if am asked to direct the police or other security agencies."

Her experiences was one among various victims who were divinely rescued from the shaft of death. Recently a father of

four escaped death by the whiskers as a ritualist took him to their den along Lagos Ibadan Express road. He said he took a bike at Berger bus stop not knowing that the commercial Okada rider was an agent. The man used his hand to clean the seat of his bike and he became unconscious until at an under ground house along the express. The man who identified himself as Joel Ifekoh said it was a divine intervention as some of the hackers fled the place when he heard the blarring of [police siren at a close range. They thought that the police were there to bust them but that was divin e intervention. He said that before the blast of the siren over 10 persons have been hacked to death.

A journalist with one of the national newspapers is yet to forget his miraculous escape from the hand of ritualists. He allegedly witnessed the death of several people before the leader of the gang told him that he was too strong from his village to be used for ritual. He still lives with its memory.

Our correspondent however learnt that a commercial bus driver who plys along Lagos -Okokomaiko route nearly lost his life last week when he went to Badagry to negotiate for a fairly used Urvan bus to buy. He was taken to an uncompleted building along Morogbe axis of the Badagry express road but was divinely

set free by a woman hawker who advised her to escape from a route. The woman who hawked pure water around the place informed the victim that many have gone in that area.

Also an interior decor who went to hung curtains at a house at Ajah area of the state is still thanking his God for saving him. He said that two men met him at Oshodi and over priced his curtains and later asked him to go and hang them in their house at a fabulous price and he went. He said that he closed his shop and followed them to Ajah at a very mighty house. "As at the time we went they paid half of the curtain price and promised to pay all after fixing them. When I got to the place I instantly developed goose pimples and my mind told me that I was in danger. There was no sign of life in the mighty bungalow. A lady walked to me and I greeted her, She looked at my mark and asked me where I came and I told her. She stared at me for some minutes and asked me to run after about five minutes that she left me otherwise I would be killed. I took to my heels and abandoned the rest of the curtains.

But Police said that none of the victims have reported to the police. A source at the police Command who prayed for anonymity said the victims who actually complained claimed that they could not identify the particular place they were

Court orders Onovo to release Kidnap suspect

ALPHONSUS NWEZE, Onitsha

AN Onitsha, businessman, Chief Sabastine Okafor who has been held at Delta State Police Command, Asaba, for alleged kidnap attempt of Chukwuneta Nwazor has obtained an order of an Onitsha High Court, Anambra State directing the Inspector-General of Police (19), Mr. Ogbonna Onvo to release him.

Chief Okafor's lawyer, B.N. Uzochi, had brought an application, asking for the enforcement of his client's fundamental rights by admitting him on bail and an order staying actions relating to any form of arrest.

After considering Uzochi's submission, the court presided by Justice V.N. Umeh, ordered that Chief Okafor be admitted to bail in the interest of Justice.

Justice Umeh also directed the respondents who included the Commissioner of Police Delta State, the Investigating Police officer (IPO) and others to stay all actions relating

to any form of arrest and detention of the applicate.

The order was obtained on April 15, 2010, while the return date was fixed for April 30, 2010.

However, Uzochi lamented that inspite of the service of the order to the 1G, the Delta State Commissioner of Police; they have failed to obey the court order by refusing to grant his client bail but took him to Abuja.

He argued that the alleged offence was committed in Anambra State, wondering why Chief Okafor was being detained in Asaba, Delta State instead of bringing the matter to Anambra State, charge his client to court so that they will apply for bail because the case is a bail-able offence.

The lawyer threatened that if by tomorrow, Tuesday April 20, 2010, the 1G does not obey the court order, he would not have no option than to apply form for committal to prison.

The lawyer denied that his client

paid Vigilante Operatives to abduct and kill Nwazor, alleging that he (Nwazor) escaped from Onitsha prison, where he was detained for armed robbery charges.

Consequently, Nwazor was declared wanted by the Nigeria Police and it was to re-arrest him that Chief Okafor invited the Vigilante Operatives, who according to his lawyer would do the job expeditiously than police so Nwazor would escapes again.

But Adolphus Nwazor elder brother to the victim said that Okafor and his lawyer were economical with the truth, insisting that his (Okafor)'s intention was to eliminate his younger brother, wondering why he resorted to abducting his brother at his traditional marriage ceremony instead of using the police.

He stated that Okafor and Nwazor have a long-standing rift and there were moves to reconcile them before this alleged attempted kidnap.