

# Police arrest 50 in Abule-Okò over killing of suspected ritualists

**F**ifty persons are currently in police net in Abule-Okò, Ifo local government area of Ogun State in connection with the killing, last Sunday, of a Lagos businessman and an herbalist who were accused of killing a two-year-old baby for ritual.

The businessman simply identified by the Police as Bunmi was set ablaze in his Prado Jeep with Lagos number plate BS 353 LND along side an unnamed herbalist last Saturday near a bush in the area.

*Odua Trust* learnt that the

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victims were ambushed by the hoodlums while performing a ritual in the bush and at a spot where a two-year-old kid was reportedly killed the previous day by unknown persons believed to be ritualists.

"When the cruel murder of the kid was reported to the Ba'ale (Chief), he ordered his people to keep vigil over the area. When the businessman and his herbalist were seen at the spot, they were apprehended by the villagers and on interrogation they confessed that they wanted to perform ritual. Their confession therefore made people to suspect them," Mr.

Adeluse Ojo, a resident of the area told *Odua Trust*.

It was further learnt that though the victims denied culpability in the death of the kid, the villagers bundled them into their Jeep and set them ablaze.

The situation prompted arrest of over 50 suspects currently being interrogated at the Ogun State Police command headquarters, Abeokuta.

As at Thursday, the entire village was deserted when our correspondent visited the area. Shops and other business outlets were locked while few people were seen on the street as police arrest people that come their way.