

Mob sets suspected ritualist ablaze

Pandemonium broke when a suspected ritualist was set on fire by a mob while allegedly attempting to kidnap a six year old boy for rituals in Nassarawa, a Kaduna suburb.

The child, Munir Shaibu, was found mutilated in an abandoned building, witnesses said.

The suspected ritualist was caught by some youths in the area while attempting to kidnap the child at Fulani road off Market road, Nassarawa, witnesses said.

He was beaten, and his leg chopped off with a machete and set on fire.

Other witnesses had tried to prevent the vigilantes from killing the man but they were not able to. His charred lifeless body was left by the side of the road.

"A passerby innocuously peeped into an uncompleted building after seeing some unusual signs, only to stumble on a man attempting to kidnap a baby.

The man on sensing danger, took to his heels but luck ran out on him as a mob pursued and caught up with him," a witness said.

"When people returned to

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the uncompleted building, the small boy was writhing in agony in a pool of his blood with his private part removed and eyes gouged by the kidnapper."

He was immediately rushed to Saint Gerald's Hospital where he is currently on danger list.

Munir's mother Husseinah Khalid said his son has been missing since February 18th.

She said: "His stomach was cut with his intestine torn open, while his eyes were battered. I am not sure whether he will survive, let alone to live a normal human life again."

In a reaction to the unfortunate saga, the Kaduna state police command has raided the Nassarawa area and apprehended many youths suspected to have set the kidnapper ablaze. Ten suspects are said to be undergoing interrogation at the police headquarters.

Daily Trust was not able to confirm the incident with the state police public relation's officer before going to press.