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Ritualists dump human skull, body parts in Maiduguri

Residents of Maidokiri area of Maiduguri metropolis were shocked yesterday at the sight of fresh human skull and bones apparently dumped by suspected ritualists in the area.

The discovery of the mutilated remains of the body suspected to be that of an adult was made by local traders yesterday around River Gadabul which passes by the Maidokiri area.

Policemen deployed to the area and passers-by were dumbfounded at the sight. There has been a spate of ritualist activity in the area.

Mallam Ma'aji Bura who alerted our reporters about the body parts found in the Maidokiri area said the "gory discovery" was reported after noon prayers at the mosque where many of the traders pray.

"It was a shocking revelation to us all when we thronged to the scene and found how a human being was mercilessly butchered and his body dissected", he said.

Our correspondents who were at the scene where the body was dumped report that most parts of the body were missing except the skull, the

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collar bone and the lap bone.

However, the brains of the person, also dumped alongside, was looking fresh, creating believe that those who carried out the dastardly act could have 'worked' on the body and removed the parts they wanted before dumping the remaining parts.

The Maidokiri Ward Head, Bulama Makinta told *Daily Trust* he was alerted about the situation around 3.00pm yesterday, saying he was 'shocked beyond comment' to see the body parts.

Makinta said the act could have been done somewhere while the body parts were dumped in the area, maintaining that no one in the Maidokiri area was being suspected of belonging to a ritual group or undertaking ritual activities.

He called on the police and the security agencies to investigate the matter thoroughly to establish how and when it happened.

The Divisional Police Officer in charge of the G.R.A, Maiduguri, Adamu Sarki told *Daily Trust* when contacted that policemen have since

been deployed to the scene to gather and take the body parts to hospital for examination.

Over the past year, more than ten people, mostly boys were brutally murdered in circumstances suspected to be associated with ritual activities.

Most recent was that of a 14-year old called Dahiru, who was killed as he left for evening prayers at the Deribe Mosque in Old Maiduguri.

FG buys

The Federal Government has purchased cars worth N480 million for the president-elect, the *Daily Trust* can reveal.

The Peugeot 607 latest series posh cars and numbering 60 are meant for the inauguration of the president-in-waiting.

The cars are currently packed near the Banquette Hall inside the presidential villa in Abuja.

An impeccable source confided to the *Daily Trust* that the vehicles were imported from France penultimate week.

The source said that the