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Ritualists strangle lunatic, pluck his eyes, tongue

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Suspected ritualists recently strangled a lunatic and allegedly plucked his eyes and tongue at Gwagwalada, an Abuja satellite town.

The incident happened near the popular SDP junction in the town.

Our reporter learnt from witnesses that some unidentified men suspected to be ritualists attacked the lunatic with a knife under a flyover near the junction.

They said the corpse of the victim was turned face down after the suspects had removed the eyes and tongue and that some passers-by discovered the corpse and raised alarm.

"The mad man always stayed under the bridge at the SDP junction but on that day, passers-by discovered that the man was dead with his eyes and tongue missing," one of the witnesses told City News.

The witness said policemen were alerted and that they came and removed the corpse from the scene.

When contacted, Gwagwalada Divisional Police Officer (DPO), Chief Superintendent DanjumaYahaya, said he was not aware of the incident.

He said he was only aware of a corpse of an unidentified man that was recently found at SDP junction in Gwagwalada and that the police removed the corpse and deposited it at the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital morgue in Gwagwalada.

"I don't know if the victim was a mad man and no part of his body was missing," he said.

In a separate incident, three persons were seriously injured in a motor accident which occurred on Tuesday morning at Chikara village on the Abuja-Lokoja expressway.

A witness said the accident happened around 9:12a.m. when a Golf car with registration number XA 285 LND crashed into a ditch after a tyre burst, adding that those who sustained injuries were taken to hospital by officials of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC).

When contacted, Abaji unit commander of the FRSC, Moses Audu, confirmed the accident, saying those injured were taken to a private hospital at Gugu.

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