

Police arrest 7 over killing of 'witch'

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The Police in Benue State have apprehended seven people in connection with the killing of an elderly woman accused of witchcraft in Onipi village of Adoka community in Otukpo Local Government Area.

Daily Trust gathered that one of the children of the accused deceased Alema Otuka, Ijema, had connived with her male friend who alleged that the deceased was responsible for their child's death to whip up sentiment which led other members of the community to maltreat the woman till she died.

A source said the late woman was locked up in a room with the decomposing corpse of her grandchild for one night after which she was forced by the villagers to carry it to a destination of their choice.

The deceased was said to have been beaten to a pulp with fractured hands and legs even as she pleaded all along that she was innocent.

Her assailants were allegedly about to cast her into a narrow pit and set her ablaze when the police turned up and rushed her to the hospital where she gave up the ghost following the injuries she sustained in the process of torture.