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3 Mobs burn suspected ritualist to death

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A suspected ritualist simply identified as Sani has been has been burnt to death by angry mobs in Lapai town, the headquarters of Lapai LGA of Niger State.

A resident, Abdullahi Yahaya told Daily Trust Saturday that the suspect was allegedly caught with two young girls on Friday around 1pm and was immediately burnt to death.

When contacted, the Niger State Police Command's Public Relations Officer, DSP Wasiu Abiodun confirmed the incident, saying the suspect was accused of stealing a baby around the burial ground area of Lapai.

"On the receipt of the information, DPO Lapai mobilised and led a patrol team to the scene, but before the police arrived at the scene, irate mob armed with cutlasses and other dangerous weapons had beaten the suspect to a coma and set him ablaze.

"Efforts were made to put off the fire and rescue him, unfortunately, he was burnt beyond recognition, while the body was later evacuated to the General Hospital Lapai", he said.