

Police parade suspected ritualists in Kwara

POLICE in Kwara State are investigating the death of an eight-year-old girl, Omolola Moses, alleged to have been strangled to death by her uncle, Kamaru Yusuff (25), allegedly for money-making ritual.

Yusuff, who was said to have committed the crime alongside his friend, Adesina Adesakin, on August 27, this year, were paraded before journalists yesterday at the Homicide Section of the state Police Headquarters, Ilorin.

The accused was asked to carry on his bare palms the partially rotten head with noticeable traces of plated hair and the head still oozing human fluid. This forced tears down the faces of many journalists and some public officers during the parade of the suspects.

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According to the state Police Commissioner, Audu Abubakar, both Yusuff and Adesakin abducted the girl at Ira in Oyun Local Council of Kwara.

Abubakar added: "To meet the request of his native doctor, Yusuff, who is an uncle to the girl, lured her from the parents, took her into the bush and strangled her to death. They severed the head, which was later taken to the native doctor.

Subsequently, the native doctor rejected the head on the excuse that he requested for a dry head. In order to conceal this, the suspects dumped the head and body in a forest **near Ira** where it was later recovered by policemen.

Yusuff told journalists that his inordinate passion for quick wealth led him into committing the crime.

In a related development, the police have arrested one Bolatito Akande, a 38-year-old man in Ilorin, over the death of one Ramota Aronwole, a mother of four, after rounds of sexual intercourse at a guest house in the state capital.

Aronwole, (40), was said to have complained of dizziness and body weakness after the exercise, prompting both Akande and the owners of the guest house to rush the woman to the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital (UITH).

Meanwhile, all the suspects would soon be arraigned before a court of competent jurisdiction.