

Police parade pastor arrested with human heart in Calabar

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Mother of the baby

The Cross River State police command will soon charged to court the pastor of Royal God's Commandments Ministry, one Mr. Tony Obo-Ekpeyong, for allegedly abducting and killing a 19-month-old baby girl, Success, for ritual purposes.

Following the incident, a branch of the church, along Abua Street in Calabar, was demolished by an angry mob at the weekend.

The pastor was arrested last week Thursday by the police and items recovered from him included a human heart suspected to be that of the abducted baby, some charms, fetish items and pictures of various persons among others.

While parading the suspect with six others in Calabar on Tuesday, the Cross River State Commissioner of Police, Mr. Hafiz Inuwa, said it was not true that the suspects in the crime have been freed.

The spokesperson of the command, Irene Ugbo, said they were arrested when the parents of the deceased raised an alarm that their child had been abducted by some masked men who stormed their house. She said some operatives were immediately deployed to search the church and its environ and that they found some incriminating items and arrested the pastor and six others.

Ugbo said: "On August 24, we received a distress call that one pastor in a church in Calabar South had killed a baby girl. When we got there, the heart of the child was still shaking. The suspect lied that the heart was that of a fowl. We have sent the heart to the University of Calabar Teaching Hospital for proper analysis.