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## 15-year-old Boy Beheaded By Suspected Ritualists In Calabar

**A** TEENAGE boy, identified as Christopher Asuquo, was killed and his head almost chopped off by suspected ritualists on Friday morning in Calabar.

Fifteen-year-old Asuquo met his untimely death, while helping his mother, a street-sweeper, to sweep the road along Murtala Mohammed Highway by Zone 6 Police Station in Calabar Municipality local government area.

Speaking with newsmen, the boy's father, Mr. Asuquo, said: "I woke him up that day around 4am to help his mother, who was not feeling well. The next thing I heard was that my son's head was nearly chopped off.

"His mother said they shared portions, so they could finish on time for him not to go late to school. As his mother was sweeping

down the road, she heard him shouting. The shouting was intense and gradually faded. The place was dark, since the streetlights were not on.

"So, she ran towards him and saw some men struggling with him. She started shouting and calling for help. When they heard her shouting, they left him, ran into their vehicle and zoomed off. When she got there, she saw our son lying in a pool of blood, with his neck almost cut off."

Residents of Esuk Utan community, where the sad incident occurred, disclosed that similar incidents had occurred more than thrice in that particular area, and called on the State Government to improve on security.

When contacted, the Zone 6 Police Public Relations Officer, ASP Nelson Okpbi said he was unaware of the incident.

## Retraction And Apology