

16-year-old found dead with mutilated organs in Ogun

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The decomposing body of a 16-year-old boy, Lawal Wahab, was discovered with mutilated organs along the Igbile-Ijebu axis of the Old Express Road in Ogun State.

The Guardian learned that the teenager, who had been living with his grandmother, was declared missing by his father, Mr. Lawal Olumide. Tragically, his body was discovered on 23 July 2025, with vital organs removed.

Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Omolola Odutola, confirmed the incident in a statement issued in Abeokuta, the state capital, on Saturday.

Odutola explained that following the discovery of Wahab's corpse, detectives had launched a full-scale investigation into the gruesome murder.

"Preliminary examination revealed that the victim's head, wrists, heart, and genitals were removed—suggesting he may have been killed for ritual purposes," she said.

According to her, two suspects—Salawu Omikansola (25) and Serefusi Agemo (age not disclosed)—have been arrested in connection with the killing, while others involved are currently on the run.

The PPRO disclosed that the victim had been buried according to Islamic rites and that the case file, along with recovered exhibits, had been transferred to the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID), Elewera, for discreet investigation.

In a separate development, Odutola said an arrest of 22 suspected Aiye cult members, including two soldiers, was made possible through credible intelligence indicating that the group had converged at the Hilton Hotel.

She noted that a joint tactical team—comprising operatives from Odeda Division, Aregbe Division, the Anti-Cultism Unit, and the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) unit, led by SP Adejoh Israel—stormed the location at about 8:20 p.m. on July 25, 2025.

Items recovered from the scene included one cut-to-size locally made firearm, a UTC axe, and several blue berets commonly associated with the Aiye cult group.

“The suspects have been transferred to the Anti-Cultism Unit of the SCID in Eleweran for further investigation. No casualties were recorded during the operation,” she added.

“The Ogun State Police Command is committed to flushing out criminal elements threatening public peace,” Odutola stated, noting that the raid was part of a broader clampdown on cult-related violence in the state.