

Suspected Rapist Dies In Kwara

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A middle-aged man who allegedly broke into women apartments and raped them in Ilorin, Kwara State capital, was on Thursday found dead in the town.

His remains were found lying in the street at Ode Baba-Ita in Aloro area of Ilorin by the residents in the early hours of the day. The incident came just as the state government alerted people of the presence of kidnappers in the neighbouring states.

It was learnt that the death of the alleged rapist occurred during a struggle between him and a team of local security guards.

He was said to have carried out his dastardly act in the area about a month before he was caught.

Sources within the area said the residents, since the last one month, have been living in panic especially between the dusk and dawn hours. "These days our father insists that we sleep by 9 p.m. unlike before when we normally stayed at the frontage of our house waiting for the Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN) to restore electricity before we go to bed," said a source who preferred anonymity.

It was gathered that the alleged rapist's modus operandi was to break into a woman's room keep the door locked and raped the occupant then slip out.

He was said to have been caught by the local security guards at Ode Baba-Ita after being pursued from Guniyan area where he had gone to carry out his act. Sources said the deceased was pursued by the guards after his victim mustered enough courage to resist him and raised alarm that forced him to flee.

Police Public Relations Officer in the state, Tunde Mohammed, confirmed that a corpse was found on the scene by the police. He said that there were machete wounds on it, which suggest that the deceased was lynched to death.

He said though there were reports from the grapevine that the deceased engaged in raping women in the area the police had not been able to unravel the cause and perpetrators of his death.

Mohammed said relations of the deceased said they did not suspect anybody as being responsible for the death. He said police was still investigating the matter.