

Dead Man Found In Front Of *Deji's* Palace

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A yet to be identified young man was on Monday found dead in front of the *Deji* of Akure's palace in Akure, Ondo State capital.

However, police in the state have arrested 18 persons in connection with the alleged killing.

The middle-aged man's body was found in a pool of blood in the early hours of Monday.

Commissioner of Police, Charles Dawodu, said the murder was not politically motivated as being speculated by the people.

According to him, "the man was seriously beaten to death by a mob that pounced on him and handed down jungle judgment after he was caught at a robbery scene."

Dawodu said, "investigation carried out by the Police showed that the deceased was a notorious armed robber, burglar and hoodlum who had been terrorising the people of Akure in the recent time."

He dismissed the rumour that politicians killed for anti-party activities.

When *Daily Independent* visited *Deji's* palace the corpse of the man had been moved from the scene of the incident to the Specialist Hospital morgue in Akure.

The Police chief, however, assured the public that his men would get to the root of the matter with a view to arresting the perpetrators that took the law into their hands by killing the deceased.