

Two killed as ritual attackers invade Ilorin

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NO FEWER than two people have reportedly been killed by suspected ritualists in Ilorin, Kwara State in the last three weeks.

Many other victims sustained injuries on their heads, which were the target of the perpetrators of the attack.

The suspected ritualists were said to have attacked their victims with cutlasses to the head and use handkerchiefs to rob off the blood on the cutlasses.

They reportedly perpetrated the act either at the night or in the dawn.

The development has forced many residents to stay indoors before the night falls to avoid being victims.

The state police command, which confirmed the attacks, said it had arrested four people in connection with it.

The command, which said it was aware of death of one person, which it could not, however, yet link with the ritual attacks, said the arrested persons would be prosecuted if its investigation found them culpable.

Public Relations Officer of the command, Ezekiel Dabo, who spoke on the development, also said that the com-

mand had beefed up security in the town to check the criminal act.

One of the persons, who allegedly died from the attack, suffered the fate at the dawn about a week ago when he was returning from a church service on Offa road in the town.

Another person, who was also said to have lost his life, was reportedly attacked in the night at Ibrahim Taiwo Road in the town.

A victim of the attack, who just left hospital from where she was treated of her wounds, Yemisi Arigbede, an artiste and film producer, narrated to news men how she was attacked.

"I was coming from Tanke last Sunday when I dropped at Oro Road Junction, Off Ibrahim Taiwo Road around 10.00pm, a man just emerge from a hide-out and beat me with a cutlass on my head. After the attack, I had severed cut and blood was oozing out.

I managed to run a little as I could, then I was very weak. The man did not run away immediately. He just went and hid somewhere as I was shouting for help.

One man came out but immediately I shouted again, he ran back. The man that hit me was wearing black through and he is a young guy.