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82-year-old retired Police Inspector buried alive in

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NIGERIA Police Command Zone 5 Benin Wednesday said it has apprehended eight persons in connection with murder of an 82-year-old retired Police Inspector, Samuel Ajayi, alleged to have been buried alive by his assailants during a community crisis in Ovia North East local government area of Edo State.

Reports had it that the late Ajayi was said to have been invited by a group of persons to intervene in a community crisis but was abducted by the same gang who took him to a forest where he was allegedly buried alive.

The suspects, who took a police team to the scene of the murder were accompanied by newsmen in search of the grave where the late Ajayi was buried only to discover

that his body had been exhumed and reburied in a yet to be identified location in the deep forest.

It was also learnt that the choice by his assailants to bury Ajayi alive might not be unconnected with ritual purposes.

However, one of the suspects (name withheld), while confessing to the crime, said they anticipated that police would come after them because the victim was buried close to

the road which he noted informed why member of the gang had to exhum him and rebury him in another location.

Deputy Commissioner of Police Dave Akinrem who spoke on behalf of the Assistant Inspector General of Police, Hashim Argungun, while confirming the incident, said the arrested suspects were helping the Police to locate the site where the late Ajayi was reburied.