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The discovery of the corpse of an 11-year-old boy, Master Umar Saleh has sparked anxiety in Rumde Baru ward in Yola North local government area of Adamawa State.

Yola residents have decried the increase in ritual activities, saying the frequency with which mutilated bodies are found is becoming alarming.

The corpse which was semi concealed in a polythene bag was discovered by a passing boy who quickly raised the alarm.

Some residents said they believed that the corpse had been dumped for about three days as it had completely decomposed.

The discovery of the body of Umar Saleh, whose eyes, tongue, nose, ears and genitals were severed, has sparked apprehension as many residents say the trend is becoming rampant despite the one year emergency rule clamped on the state.

The father of the victim, Mallam Sale Usman told LEADERSHIP that the family had been looking for the victim for five days following his failure to return home after he escorted his little sister to the popular Jambutu Motor Park where she sells food.

"The family had waited anxiously for the return of Umar which never occurred as we only found his mutilated body later".

Many people interviewed said the development may not be unconnected with the upsurge in political activities as ritual activities are always high when politicking reaches its peak.

The Police Public Relations Officer of the Adamawa State Police Command, DSP Usman Abubakar has confirmed the development saying that the Police is doing all it can to get to the root of the problem.

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