

Mob Sets Suspected Ritualist Ablaze In Niger

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A suspected ritualist who allegedly specialised in stealing children for rituals has been set ablaze by a mob in Niger State.

He was mobbed by some people who arrested him with two girls at Lapai town in Lapai local government area of the state.

It was gathered that the suspect identified as Sule Sakon Kano was apprehended with the two minors aged between four and five years.

It was learnt that children were sent to a nearby shop to buy some household items around 1:30 pm yesterday.

Police Public Relations Officer Wasiu Abiodun said, "We received information that an unidentified person was accused of stealing a baby

around the burial ground area of Lapai.

"On the receipt of the information, DPO Lapai mobilised and led a patrol team to the scene, but before the police arrived at the scene, an irate mob armed with cutlasses and other dangerous weapons had beaten the suspect to coma and set him ablaze."

He said efforts were made to put off the fire and rescue him, but he was burnt beyond recognition, while the body was later evacuated to the general hospital in Lapai.

The PPRO said the commissioner of police, Ogundele Ayodeji, ordered investigation into the incident, while urging members of the public to desist from resorting to self-help and report incidents to the police for immediate action.