

30 Bodies Of Suspected Ritual Killing Victims Found In Abia

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Over 30 unidentified bodies of suspected ritual killing victims have been found on Imo River in Oriendu autonomous community, Umuahia North local government area of Abia State since last year.

The traditional ruler of the community, HRH Eze Philip Ajomiwe, stated this while speaking with LEADERSHIP Sunday in his palace after the body

of a woman was found

"The bodies, like the recent one, are either completely naked and without their private parts or in a bag. There've also been cases of two decomposing bodies seen beside the NNPC pipeline," he said.

Explaining that there had not been any arrests since then by the security agents, he expressed concern that the situation was getting out of hand and had created fear in and around the community.

According to the monarch, efforts by the community's vigilante group to arrest the suspects had failed too, because the group is not as equipped as the suspects are said to be.

"So, we're appealing to the state government to empower the vigilante group with the necessary logistics and the wherewithal to enable it to match the suspects," he said.

He argued that nobody

ever embarks on such a mission with empty hands especially when the enemy is fully armed with sophisticated weapons and is ready to fight back.

He asserted that his complaints about the situation to the agents had been to no avail, noting that the latest was a letter to the speaker of the State House of Assembly on February 7.

The monarch, who appreciated the government's upward review of monthly stipends of the traditional rulers, however, noted that the amount is not enough for them to handle insecurity.