

# Police arrest man with two human heads

**T**HE Oyo State Police Command yesterday paraded a suspected ritualist caught with two fresh human heads and other body parts believed to have been exhumed from a cemetery along Akanran Road in Ibadan.

While being paraded by the police, the suspect, Mr. Tafa Ayorinde (40), was seen with two fresh human heads, one hand and some human flesh. The road was closed for Ayorinde as he was caught around 7am after he had successfully severed the two heads. *The Nation on Saturday* gathered that the suspect was riding on a bike with another person identified as Kehinde who however escaped, when the bag he was carrying nearly fell. The bike was about to fall down when one of the heads fell from it and someone who was defecating in the nearby bush saw the incident and

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raised alarm before the suspect was caught Ayorinde when asked how he came about the human heads narrated that he left his house at about 5am and headed for the cemetery to exhume the bodies. According to him, "I brought out three coffins from the grave and opened them. I got these two heads from two coffins and the third coffin contained these bones".

Giving details about himself, the suspect said "My name is Tafa Ayorinde. I live at Tafa street in Orita Aperin in Ibadan. Two of us committed the offence. The second person is named Kehinde who lives at Oja Igbo here in Ibadan. "About 7am this morning

(Friday), we had already exhumed the bodies and cut the heads. I was the one carrying the cellophane bags in which we kept the heads. As we were about crossing the road, one of the heads dropped and some passers by saw us and raised alarm. We were given a hot chase and I was eventually caught while the second person escaped".

Asked what he wanted to use the heads and other parts for, Ayorinde said he wanted to use it for rituals that would fetch him some money. He dismissed the claim that he wanted to sell the gory items to some barons. "Nobody sent me. I was a driver before I changed to an herbalist. This is my first time I would engage in things like this," he said.