

Police arrest alleged cannibal in Benin City

• Four phones, Bible found on him

From John Mayaki, Benin

wife, *The Nation* gathered. On the said mad man, was found four sophisticated handsets and a Holy Bible. There was also a phone number carrying the inscription, "part dealer" in the place.

The Nation learnt also that he cooks for himself inside the hut and that no fewer than three people within two weeks were allegedly killed by the "mad man".

The scene attracted thousands of people, vehicles and passersby. They all gazed at the pool of blood inside the "mad man's" hut.

An ambulance driver said: "All the time, we see

the man there. He stays there, he cooks there too for himself. Last week, we came to work to see a body there and the council people (Oredo Local Government Area) came to remove it from here. Last Thursday too, the same thing, and last night, he killed another person again.

"When we got to work today, we saw the dead body and we said it must be this man. Sometimes, we see some boys here and sometimes some cars come to park here in the night. Sometimes too, they carry bags. They will enter there and come out. We started to monitor them.

"Today, when we saw this one, we alerted the policemen to come and search this man, maybe, he has ammunition there. Then, the police came and arrested him. They also destroyed his house. Before that, they saw knives there. There was also a big iron pipe he uses to kill people.

"His victims are those who ply the side of the road at night. He stabs them and drags them to the bush near his hut and then slice the vital parts of the person. The one he killed yesterday, he removed his tongue, and his private part. If you go inside there, you will see blood. We rang the phone

number we saw there and somebody picked it. We told the person to come and that there are parts to sell but he switched off the set," the ambulance driver said.

Police spokesman Peter Ogboi confirmed the arrest of the said mad man.

He said the Police have begun investigation into the matter.

He said until the conclusion of the investigation, he cannot say if the suspect is actually a mad man or not.

Mother of quadruplets cries for help

A 35-year-old mother of quadruplets has taken the kids to the streets of Aba, the commercial nerve centre of Abia, to solicit financial assis-

It was a gory sight as multitude of people thronged the popular KingSquare, Ring Road in Benin yesterday, with their noses held tight to avoid inhaling the stench from the decomposed body of a man. It was reminiscent of the Clifford Orji tales of an alleged mad man who killed and maimed, his victims in Lagos. He is said to have killed three persons within two weeks now.

The scene was behind the Central Hospital mortuary and by the House of Assembly, the place where a supposedly mad man murdered his victims and severed their vital organs.

Luck, however, ran out for him yesterday as the police from the Adeyan Divisional Headquarters arrested him. He was also said to be with a woman suspected to be his