

Mob kills suspected ritualist in Katsina

A SUSPECTED ritual killer, Dahiru Shoe-shiner, has died after a mob attacked him for allegedly killing a 10-year-old boy in Magama, Jibia, Katsina State.

An eyewitness told a News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) correspondent, who visited the village in Jibia Local Government Area yes-

terday that the incident happened about 12.05 p.m. on Wednesday.

The witness said the suspect kidnapped the boy, Saminu Dayyabu, and cut his throat on the outskirts of the village.

He said a resident, Malama Baraka, raised the alarm when she saw the suspect.

The villagers, he said, pur-

sued and caught up with him.

The village Head of Magama, Alhaji Lawal Abdullahi, intervened.

He appealed to the mob to spare the life of the suspect.

When the police arrived at the scene, the suspect was almost lifeless.

When NAN visited the victim's father, Alhaji

Dayyabu Magama, visitors were seen condoling with him.

NAN learnt that the boy was sent on an errand when the suspected killer grabbed him.

Police spokesman Alhassan Kimba confirmed the incident.

He said the suspect died later at the hospital while receiving treatment.

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