

# Suspected ritual killers hack bread seller in Ogun community

**R**ESIDENTS of Itele community in Ado-Odo/Ota Local Government Area of Ogun State were shocked on Tuesday when a building was discovered to be a den of ritual killers.

It was gathered that some men who had converted the abandoned building into their home beckoned on an itinerant bread seller into the building. Unknown to them, some onlookers had sighted the hawker when he was going into the building and were apprehensive when he did not leave the building several hours later.

The onlookers raised the alarm that attracted neighbours. The building was forced open after a long wait

by policemen from Itele Division, while the mutilated body of the hawker was allegedly found in a

pool of his blood.

Speaking with our reporter, the Chairman of the Itele-Awori Area Community Development Committee, Prince Olatunji Onaolapo, said: "What we saw in the building was horrific and repulsive. The vigilant bystanders who have been monitoring the activities of the queer men were the ones who alerted other residents before the building was forced open. The lifeless body of the bread seller was found in a corner of the building while his neck had been slashed. There were also human parts in one of the toilets inside the building."

A source, who asked not to be mentioned, said: "The owner of the building moved out a few years ago when he was constantly robbed. Since then, some people have been living in the building but no one knew the kind of job they do until this incident happened. We shall be more vigilant from this moment in order to prevent queer elements from turning our community into their den."

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The outraged residents later set the building ablaze before the fire was later put out by men of the Ota Fire Service.

Confirming the incident, the deputy spokesman of Ogun Police Command, Mr. Abimbola Oyeyemi, said three suspects are currently being interrogated by police.

"On Tuesday June 10, some people had alerted men of Itele Police Station that a bread seller had not been seen several hours after he went into a building to sell bread to the occupants.

"When our men stormed the building, it was found under lock and key before it was forced open. The bread seller was found in a pool of his blood in one of the toilets and was taken to a hospital where he is now receiving treatment. So far, we have arrested the landlord of the building, caretaker and one other occupant found there. The case is currently being handled by the Homicide Unit of the State Criminal Investigation Department," he added.

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