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Suspected ritualists behead Okada rider in Ekpoma

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Suspected ritualists have beheaded a commercial motorcyclist, popularly called Okada rider, at Ekpoma, Esan West Local Government Area of Edo State.

The incident took away the head of their victim.

The incident was said to have occurred at 8pm on a lonely street adjacent to the Ambrose Alli University College of Medicine.

The body was left in a pool of blood with splashes of blood on the scene.

It was learnt that the hoodlums boarded the motorcycle, pretending to be passengers.

The hoodlums were said to have attacked the Okada rider on the street.

A resident said he heard a loud shout for help, accompanied with heavy bangs on the gates of some houses on the street.

The ritualists reportedly overpowered the hapless motorcyclist and took away his head.

The source said the residents met the headless body the following morning in a pool of blood.

They alerted the police, who removed the body.

The residents are said to have become used to retreating indoors early, following constant robbery attacks on the street.

The Divisional Police Officer (DPO) in charge of Esan West Local Government, Mr. A. A. Shaibu, confirmed the incident.

He said the matter had been transferred to the command's headquarters in Benin, the state capital, for further investigation.

A police source said some suspects, including the younger brother of the deceased, were being investigated.

"The younger brother is being interrogated as the last person that called the deceased's mobile phone before the killing," the source said.



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