

3 Suspected ritualists lynched in Ogun

TWO suspected ritualists have been set ablaze in Oja Odan, Yewa North council of Ogun State. Police spokesman Abimbola Oyeyemi said in a statement yesterday.

He said the suspects were arrested and taken to Oja Odan Divisional Headquarters following an allegation that a fresh human head concealed in a sack was seen with them.

"While the suspects were been interrogated in the station, some unscrupulous elements went and mobilised a large number of people who invaded the station aggressively, overwhelmed the police personnel on duty and subsequently hijacked the suspects, beat them to death, and set their bodies ablaze," the police statement read.

He warned that the Ogun State Police Command will not tolerate such barbaric and unlawful action.

"In view of the incident, the command wishes to sound a note of warning to those who are always in the habit of taking the law into their own hands to desist from such uncivilised behaviour as the command will henceforth be dealing with whoever carried out such activities in the most decisive manner," the police said.

4 Death toll in Lagos collapsed building now five

• Developer arrested
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TWO more bodies were yesterday recovered from the three-storey building that collapsed on Saturday in Yaba area of Lagos, bringing the casualty figure to five.

Mr Ibrahim Farinloye, Zonal Coordinator Southwest, National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), confirmed the development, saying that one of the two bodies was that of a student on industrial training.

Farinloye said that one of the survivors, a teenager, escaped by sheer luck after he complained of hunger, adding that the building collapsed a few minutes after the teenager left to buy food.

The NEMA Zonal Coordinator added that residents of the area mobilised resources to rescue the only survivor from the rubble.

Farinloye said that the operation has been concluded.

He said that rescue and recovery operation was carried out by NEMA, Lagos State Emergency Management Agency, the fire service and the police.

The Commissioner for Physical Planning and Urban Development, Dr. Idris Salako, told *The Nation* that the incident occurred around 3.30pm.

The developer has been taken into custody, he said.