

Police arrest man for 'beheading' toddler

OPERATIVES of the Lagos Police Command have arrested one Laenenae Halicani for allegedly beheading a four-year-old child.

Laenenae was arrested on October 8, after a missing person report was filed by the child's mother, Talwa Shode.

The woman, a resident of 7, Mangoro Street, Agege, it was gathered, reported her son missing at Isokoko Division, only for the child to be found headless hours later in a canal

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at Ashade area of Agege.

A source told The Nation that the suspect, who was rescued from a lynch mob that accused him of kidnapping the child, later confessed that he killed him.

"About three hours after the woman reported that her son was missing, heavily-armed youths were seen beating a man with bruises all over his body accused of being the prime suspect behind the miss-

ing child.

"The police rescued the suspect. Hours later, the patrol team on surveillance recovered the decomposing, beheaded body of the missing child from a canal at Ashade area," said the source.

Continuing, the source said the child's mother usually slept at an open space with three others at the address.

Asked why he beheaded the child, the suspect, it was gathered, could not give any good

reason and kept saying "I killed him."

The suspect who was transferred to Area C, Ogba, was yesterday moved to the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID), Yaba, for further investigation.

The division also arrested a tricycle operator for allegedly biting off the finger of a police inspector who arrested him for driving against traffic.

Police spokesman Benjamin Hundeyin confirmed the beheading.

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