

Police parade suspected killers of rice merchant in Kwara

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SIX persons suspected to be involved in the killing of a local rice merchant and mother of four in Yashikira in Baruten Local Government Area of Kwara State have been paraded by the Kwara State Police Command.

Speaking with journalists during the parade in Ilorin on Thursday, the state Commissioner of Police, Olusola Amore, said the suspects would be prosecuted on the charge of culpable homicide.

The police boss disclosed that the deceased had engaged the men as labourers on her farm and decided to sleep on the farm when it was dark.

He said the suspects allegedly descended on the victim in the night, killing her and carting away 12

bags of rice.

"The deceased, Florence Ede, also known as 'Madam Do Good', had engaged the suspects as labourers to work on her farm. They conspired and killed her on her farm at Yashikira in Baruten Local Government Area of the state and stole 12 bags of rice belonging to the victim.

"Investigation led to the arrest of the six suspects, who on interrogation confessed to the crime. The exhibits, including the **Golf** car used in carrying the rice and stick used in killing the deceased were recovered. Suspects will soon appear in court," Amore stated.

The Police Commissioner also paraded three suspected secret cult members, who were allegedly involved in recent cult killing in Ilorin metropolis.

He said the suspects had

confessed to being members of **Eiye** and **Aiye** confraternity, respectively, adding that they were involved in series of attacks that took place in Ilorin while three live cartridges and charms were reportedly recovered from them.

The police boss, who described cult activities in Ilorin metropolis as a worrisome development, said artisans like bricklayers, electricians, **okada** and tricycle operators were involved in cultism in the area.

"We used to think that students in higher institutions were those in cults, but it is embarrassing and worrisome that artisans are now mostly involved in the act, thus putting lives of members of the public in danger. So, useful information is needed from people to arrest the situation," he said.