

**A** supposed business partner terminated his life abruptly in a bush in Kwara State. Not only that, the late businessman, Oyeemi Akintoye's remains were not allowed to be given a befitting burial as the partner, in connivance with his friend removed his heart and cut off his head, hands and legs, allegedly for the purpose of money ritual.

The disclosure of the frightening incident was made by the Commissioner of Police in Oyo State, Abiodun Odude at the Oyo state Police Command headquarters in Ibadan, on Thursday, while briefing journalists on the arrest of four suspects accused of conspiracy, kidnapping, armed robbery and ritual killing.

He gave the names of the suspects as Babalade Gbenga Opeyemi (40), Jimoh Tunde (37), a herbalist, Agboola Abubakar (65) and Ganiy Ahmed Olatunji (42).

According to the police commissioner, a woman reported at Atiba police station that her husband did not return from a business trip, and all efforts to reach him failed as his phone lines could not be reached.

Odude said that he directed the transfer of the case to anti-kidnapping section of the command where investigation led to the arrest of Pa Abubakar at Ipe Village, Kwara State. He added that Abubakar's disclosure led to the arrest of three others in Offa, Kwara State and Ile-Ife, Osun State.

"This is a case of conspiracy, armed robbery, ritual killing and kidnapping. Opeyemi said he wanted to do ritual to get rich quick. He approached 65-year-old herbalist, Pa Abubakar, who said he did not have what it would take to make such charms. He took him to Alfa Ganiy Ahmed Olatunji.

"Olatunji told the duo that they would need a human heart to carry out the ritual. Opeyemi contacted his friend, Tunde on how to get human parts.

"The deceased was supposed to bring N10 million for a business transaction but brought N100,000. During interrogation, Opeyemi and Tunde disclosed that they robbed their victim of the N100,000 before Tunde shot him with a gun and killed him.

"After the killing, they dismembered his remains, removed the heart, private part, hands and legs; and took it to Olatunji to do money ritual for them.

"But based on information, we were able to arrest one of them and eventually picked up the rest of them."

Odude listed the exhibits recovered from the suspects as a cut-to-size single barrel gun, a long single barrel gun, two live cartridges, two expended cartridges, an axe, three knives, an unregistered motorcycle, criminal charms, N40,000 cash and the victim's car key, hand-bag, sandal and belt.

He added that the suspects also led the police to where the heart, two wrists and decomposed headless body of the victim were kept.

"We are bringing this to the knowledge of Nigerians so that they will know what is happening in the country and be much more careful," the police commissioner further remarked.

Below are excerpts of the suspect's confession