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# 8-yr-old abducted Delta boy found dead in shallow pit

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THE body of an eight-year-old boy, identified as Omamuyovwi Monday, who was abducted in Delta State, was found in a shallow pit on Thursday after four days of searching for him.

The boy was kidnapped by persons suspected to be ritualists.

Omamuyovwi's remains were discovered in a burrowed pit near Egbogho village, Kokori, in Ethiope East Local Government Area of the state.

A source, which hinted journalists in Ughelli, said the boy was kidnapped at about 2:00 p.m while in company of his colleagues.

The boy and his colleagues were reported to be returning chairs from a church premises where a three-day crusade was held earlier when he suddenly went

missing.

The source said: "Immediately the boy disappeared, the people of the village, including the youth, began searching for him, but their efforts proved futile until his body was found on the fourth day.

Until his death, the boy was a Primary 2 pupil in a school in Kokori.

The chairman of Ethiope East Local Government Area, Chief (Mrs) Faith Majemite, who spoke on the development, condemned the act.

She described the killing as unfortunate, while calling on law enforcement agencies to bring the perpetrators to book.

Apart from an unofficial confirmation by a senior police officer in Kokori, the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Onome Onovwakpoyeya, could not be reached as of the time of filing the report.

Police arrested 1527 kidnappers