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Three ritualists, native doctor nabbed with bowl of fresh human blood, two human skulls in Delta

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OPERATIVES of the Delta State police command have arrested three suspected ritualists and a native doctor with a container of fresh human blood and two human skulls at Ekpan-Ovu and Nsukwa Junction, on Og-washi-Uku-Kwale road.

The acting Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) of

the command, Bright Edafe, made the disclosure on Tuesday in a press statement made available to newsmen in the state.

Edafe said: "On June 28, at about 11:45 a.m., the Dragon Patrol Team 31, while on stop-and-search duty at Nsukwa Junction along Og-washi-Uku-Kwale road, intercepted a commuter *Toyota Sienna* bus travelling from Asaba to Kwale.

"All passengers were

asked to submit themselves for search and during the search, three suspects were found with a container filled with fresh human blood.

"The three suspects, namely Monday [surname withheld] (27); 26-year-old Madabuchi [surname withheld] and 21-year-old Nwite [surname withheld], all of Ebenta village in Ohaukwu Local Government Area (LGA) of Ebonyi State, were immediately arrested.

"During interrogation, the suspects confessed to have murdered some unknown persons in Ebonyi and were on their way with their blood to a native doctor whose identity is unknown for now but resides in Kwale.

"They were taking the blood to the said native doctor for ritual purposes. One rosary necklace tied with charms was also recovered from them."

The police spokesperson,

while giving further details on the native doctor nabbed with two human skulls, said: "On June 24, at about 5:00 p.m., one Ejoro [surname withheld] reported that the body of his sister, aged 65 years, who died sometime in 2019 and was buried at Ekpan Ovu, had been exhumed by unknown person(s).

"On the strength of the report, the DPO of Isiokolo division swung into action and detailed police detectives to

investigate the matter.

"During the course of investigation, information gathered through intelligence revealed that it was one Godfrey (60), a native doctor, who exhumed the corpse and removed the skull.

"He was immediately arrested and two human skulls were recovered from him. He said he got one of the human skulls from Osun State from a native doctor who is now late."