

Our mother was killed by ritualists, Ondo family alleges

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THE family of a woman who was hacked to death by suspected killers, Veronica Dare, while sweeping a church in Iwaro-Oka in Akoko South-West Local Government Area of Ondo State last Sunday has alleged that she was killed by ritualists.

Son of the 78-year-old woman, Boniface Dare, disclosed that the assailants removed the oesophagus and some other parts of the deceased after she was hacked to death.

He said the septuagenarian was killed inside the church before dragging her remains out and removing the parts.

He explained that it was the normal routine of the deceased to visit the church early in the morning to clean it before every service.

Boniface who suspected that the assailants might have noticed that the old woman often visited the church between 5:30 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. every Sunday, trailed her last Sunday, and killed her.

He, however, charged security agencies in the state to unravel those behind the killing.

The son said: "We are now living in fear in this community because we don't know who is next. Security agencies should rise to the occasion and apprehend those behind this killing."