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Mob set pastor's house ablaze over murder of girl in Ekiti

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THE house of a pastor was on Tuesday set ablaze by a mob following the killing of a seven-year-old girl, identified simply as Demilade, in Ado-Ekiti, the Ekiti State capital.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that the incident occurred at Adehun area in the early hours of Tuesday after the lifeless body of the girl was found in the pastor's house in the neighbourhood.

According to a source, the seven-year-old girl, who

was sent on errand by her mother on Monday night, was allegedly waylaid and killed by the pastor's daughter, who was said to be mentally-deranged.

He said: "Demilade had gone missing around 8:00 a.m. on Monday while on errand to buy pap for her parents and siblings.

"The parents were said to have raised an alarm when she did not return home and could not be found, the situation which prompted some residents to conduct a search party for her, which turned

out to be unsuccessful.

"A search party was launched for the girl by her parents and some residents and she was never found before her corpse was found this morning at the residence of the pastor in the neighbourhood.

"So, it was later on, we heard the pastor and his wife had gone to the state police command to report his mentally-deranged daughter's act. I even heard the girl had once hacked her father's head with a machete."

Angered by the develop-

ment, some irate youths armed with petrol mobilised themselves to the scene and burnt down the pastor's house.

When contacted, the Ekiti State Police Public Relations Officer, ASP Sunday Abutu, said the suspect had been arrested in connection with the murder.

Abutu stated that the arrest was effected based on the information given by the parents, saying the alleged culprit is in detention at the police headquarters in the state capital.