55-year-old man arrested with human head in Ondo

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MEN of the Ondo State police command have arrested a 55-year-old man, Tunde (surname withheld), who was allegedly caught with a fresh human head meant for money ritual in Ondo City, headquarters of Ondo West Local Government Area of the state.

Speaking during the parade on Thursday, the Commissioner of Police in the state, Oyeyemi Oyediran, said the suspect was arrested by men of the state police command after intelligence report that the suspect was about to receive a consignment.

He said the suspect was apprehended with the fresh head delivered to him and confessed that the head was meant to be used by him to ensure a better life.

Oyediran said: "On December 23, at about 9:00 a.m., the police received information that a self-acclaimed cleric named Alfa Tunde (surname withheld), a suspected ritualist, was about to receive a consignment suspected to be human head.

"The police immediately swung into action and the cleric was apprehended at Ajagbale area of Oka in Ondo town.

"A human head was found in his custody and he confessed that the head was to be used to ensure he had a better life."

Confessing to the crime, Tunde, who said he hailed from Osogbo, said he ordered for the fresh head for money ritual at the sum of N60,000.

He said the consignment was delivered to him at home by a man he met at a social function on Thursday morning, saying he was about to commence the ritual when he was arrested.

He said: "I purposely ordered for the human head to make my life better and it was delivered to me.

"This is my first time. I wanted to do it to become rich and live a better life. The head was delivered to me today [Thursday]."

Also, a 26-year-old man, Ayodele (surname with-held), was arrested by the police after killing a young lady he took to a hotel in Akure, the state capital.