

Another Muslim cleric arrested with human head in Ibadan

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THE police in Oyo State, on Friday, paraded a 45-year-old suspected ritualist identified as Hassan Kolawole with a fresh human head in Ibadan.

Kolawole said to be a muslim cleric, was paraded alongside nine other suspects who were arrested for various crimes at different locations

at the command's headquarters in Eleyele, Ibadan.

The suspect, according to the Commissioner of Police, Adebola Hamzat, who spoke through the Police Public Relations Officer, Adewale Osifeso, was arrested on Monday, 6 November, 2023.

Other items found in his possession include fresh human hands and one HP laptop.

The suspect, the police said,

was arrested at Ogbere-ti-oya in Ona Ara Local Government Area of the state.

In an interview with newsmen, the suspect confessed to the crime, submitting that the human head and two hands found in his possession were for ritual purposes as a result of the financial difficulty he was passing through.

"I have one wife and two children and things are very hard for me in taking care of

them.

"I met one Waheed, who is also an Islamic cleric, at a Maolud. We discussed it (his financial situation) and he told me that he knew how to do money ritual that would require the use of human parts.

"I told him that I didn't know how to get the human parts and he promised to get them for me.

"He later brought the human parts to me at Amuloko

where we met early in the morning and I kept them in my office where I used to attend to people who needed spiritual assistance.

"The police came to search my office on the day Waheed gave me the fresh head and two hands," he said.

The suspect said that the person who gave him the human parts was now at large.

In a related development, nine suspects were paraded

for various crimes ranging from murder, kidnapping, cultism and theft.

The suspects were arrested at different locations across the state.

Items recovered as exhibits, according to the police, include a Bajaj motorcycle with registration number NRK 754 QW, an improvised gun, dual-faced axe, 17 wraps of weed and 53 wraps of 'Colorado'.