

Suspected ritualists murder, remove body parts of 3-year-old girl in Bauchi

• Body parts intact, decomposing, police say

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SUSPECTED ritualist late Thursday evening, murdered and allegedly removed some body parts of a three-year-old girl in Ningi Local Government Area of Bauchi State.

The body of the girl was discovered without the two eyes as well as her private part within Ningi township days after she was declared missing by her parents.

Reports gathered revealed that the girl had been miss-

ing for two days before her body was found dumped along a path in Ningi.

Her parents are residents of Sabuwar Denawa within Ningi township but got the news of the girl's murder through some boys who are students of a Qur'anic school in the area.

The matter was said to be reported to the police in Ningi who immediately went to the scene, removed the body and took it to the General Hospital, Ningi where a doctor confirmed her death.

As of the time of filing this

report on Saturday, no arrest has been made while efforts are on to trace the culprits in order to bring them to book.

Meanwhile, the state Public Relations Officer of the command, SP Ahmed Wakili, confirmed the incident in a telephone conversation with **Sunday Tribune**.

According to him, the police in Ningi received a report from one Malam Saleh of the body of a girl in Ningi, adding that the DPO led his men to the scene and evacuated the body to Ningi Gen-

eral Hospital.

He however denied removal of any of her body parts saying, "medical reports have it that her body parts are intact. But because the body has started decomposing, some of the parts too must have decomposed."

Wakili added that the Commissioner of Police, Auwal Musa Mohammed has directed an investigation of the issue in order to arrest the perpetrators of the dastardly act and bring them to justice.