

14-year-old murdered by friends who lured him to ritualist's den in Ibadan

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SUSPECTED ritualists have reportedly beheaded a 14-year-old boy, identifies as Malik Kareem, at Olorisaoko village in Akinyele Local Government Area of Oyo State.

The incident, which occurred at the weekend, has created tension in the area.

It was gathered that the victim was a student of Iyana Community Grammar School, Olode, Moniya, Ibadan.

A source revealed that the victim, alongside three other

persons of his age group, allegedly approached the suspected ritualist for money ritual.

The three other boys, as reliably informed, connived with suspected ritualist to kill their friend.

A credible family source said, "I was at home when one of my brothers ran to the house to inform me about the unfortunate incident.

"We quickly rushed down to the place to confirm it. When we got there, the

Muslim cleric had already escaped, but we found the victim's body on the ground without the head.

"He was found in a pool of blood in the Islamic cleric's house. The head had already been cremated.

"The other three boys had earlier bargained with the cleric that they would use their friend for money ritual. So, when they got there, he [victim] was strangled to death, beheaded and the head cremated.

"We learnt they suspect

are to be using the cremated head to take pap every day."

Another family source said, "The cleric's house had been set ablaze by yet-to-be identified youths in the area."

When contacted, the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Adewale Osifeso, said investigations had already commenced into the incident.

"Investigations have commenced into the incident and you will be updated accordingly," the police spokesperson said.