

Herbalist, trader arrested for alleged possession of human heads

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A middle-aged herbalist, Waheed Somorin, was arrested in Abeokuta on Thursday for allegedly being in possession of three human heads.

The herbalist, an indigene of Opeji in the Odeda Local Government area of Ogun State, was arrested by members of the Odu'a Peoples Congress at Ijeun Titun area of Abeokuta.

The suspect, who had been handed over to the police, was said to have exhumed the heads and some clothes at the cemetery of Saint John's Anglican Church, Igbehin.

The church has its burial ground near Paramount FM, on Abeokuta-Sagamu Road. Also arrested was a herb seller at Itoku market, identified as Afusat.

An OPC member, who pleaded anonymity, alleged that the suspect had been exhuming human heads from various cemeteries in Abeokuta for more than two years and he used to sell them to the herb seller.

The residents of the area, who were disturbed by the activities of the herbalist, were said to have reported him to the OPC, which kept him under surveillance.

residents, the vigilance group, at 12am on Thursday, trailed him to the cemetery, where he exhumed three corpses, cut off their heads, which he took away with clothes that were used in wrapping the corpses.

The OPC members, who were on his trail, arrested him as he was about to enter his house on Baale Street, Ijeun Titun, Abeokuta at dawn on Thursday.

At the state police headquarters, Eleweran, where he was being detained, Somorin confessed to journalists that he had been using human heads to prepare charms for his clients.

The herbalist explained that the human heads were mainly for money-making rituals.

When our correspondent got to Ijeun Titun area at 10am on Thursday, the house

had been burnt by mob after the arrest of the suspect.

In an interview with journalists the Police Public Relations Officer in the state, Mr. Olufemi Awoyale, said the suspects were arrested by a vigilance group.

He condemned the action of those who set the suspect's house on fire and said the police planned to search the building.

Awoyale said, "We have always been telling people not to take the law into their hands. We were about to issue a search warrant, which could lead us to the discovery of further evidence."

He warned herb sellers at Itoku and other parts of the state against dealing in human parts.

According to him, human parts are not herbs.

Court jails fake lawyer

**Oluseto Olatuyi and
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A young man impersonating as a lawyer has been sentenced to one-year imprisonment without an option of fine by a Magistrate's Court at the Murtala Muhammed International Airport, Ikeja, Lagos.

The 27-year-old man identified as Roland Obasuyi, was in November 17, 2006, arrested at the court for posing as a lawyer.

a three-count offence of unlawfully entering the airport without reasonable cause and parading himself as a lawyer.

Obasuyi, according to the charge sheet, collected N30,000 from one Shittu Shagbiyanju to procure bail for one Sackey Eassman.

He, however, failed to procure the release of the accused and also refused to handover the documents to procure the bail to another lawyer.