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# Ritual murder: NGO takes over Oru refugee camp

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A non-governmental organisation, the African Concern, has taken over the refugee camp at Oru in the Ijebu North Local Government area of Ogun State.

The President of the organisation, Prince Bola Ajibola, who disclosed this at a meeting with the representatives of the refugees in Abeokuta on Wednesday, said the group intervened because of the plight of the refugees.

At the meeting, the refugees, who lamented their plights, stated that no fewer than three of their members had died since the United Nations Commission for Refugees stopped running the camp in June this year.

The refugees disclosed that one of the deceased was killed by suspected ritualists. According to one of the representatives, Hassan Dauda, the deceased, Cecelia Baguda, who was beheaded, was recently buried in the camp.

"She was buried in the camp without her head. Our situation is very pathetic," Dauda said.

He stated that another refugee was murdered at Festac area of Lagos State, adding that the refugees had been attacked several times in the camp.

Dauda explained that Liberian and Sierra Leonean refugees could not go home despite the fact that war had subsided in Sierra Leone.

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