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Missing man found dead, dismembered

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The body of Mr. Abiodun Lekuti, a 68-year-old man who had been declared missing in Epe since February 7, has been recovered.

The body of the man was recovered with the head and other parts severed, the News Agency of Nigeria reports.

Lekuti was reported to have left his house on that fateful day, having told his wife that he wanted to go and pray with a friend but never returned.

However, police investigations revealed that he was a victim of ritual killing.

The deceased's daughter, Miss Muyinat Abiodun, told NAN in Epe that the body of her father had been recovered in Owode, near Ogombo, in Eti-Osa Local Government Area of Lagos State.

She disclosed that the ritualists had already severed the man's head, hands and the private parts.

She also said that the other parts of her father's body were packed into a sack and buried.

Abiodun also disclosed that the police handed over the exhumed body of her father to the family on Saturday for proper burial. She said that the remains were re-buried immediately at the family compound in Epe.

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NAN reports that more than three suspects were currently being interrogated by police detectives in connection with the ritual killing.

A police source told NAN that one of the suspects had confessed that the gang killed Lekuti in a house at Temu area in Epe.

The suspect reportedly said that Lekuti was killed for money-making rituals.

Several police raids on the suspects' houses had also led to the discovery of assorted old and fresh human parts.

The source also told NAN that the suspects might be arraigned before a court on Tuesday.

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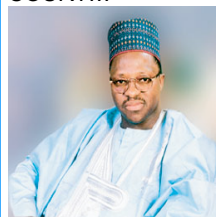
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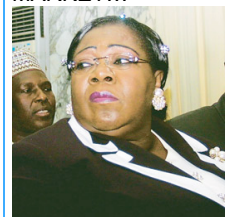
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