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Herbalist, others in police net for murder

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The police in Kwara State have arrested three men, including a herbalist, for allegedly beheading an eight-year-old boy, Amidu Sanda, in Irepodun Local Government area of the state.

The Police Public Relations Officer in the state, Mr. Alao AbdulAzeez, who disclosed this on Tuesday to the News Agency of Nigeria in Ilorin, said the suspects were arrested on Ajase-Ipo-Offa road at Ajase-Ipo, in Irepodun Local Government area.

He said they were arrested following a tip-off and while they were attempting to take the head to Lagos.

The police spokesman, who said the victim was beheaded for ritual purpose, added that the suspects had all made confessional statements to the police and that a man-hunt had been launched for another suspect who escaped arrest.

He said the suspects would be charged to court as soon as investigations were concluded.

In an interview with journalists, the herbalist admitted involvement in the crime, saying that he asked the other suspects to get a human head for him.

According to him, he rejected the head because it was a fresh one which could not be used for wealth creation and protection.

The herbalist, who lives in Offa, Kwara State, also confessed that somebody in Lagos hired him to procure the human head.

Another suspect said he lured the boy, who was an orphan, into the bush, where he and his accomplices cut off his head and took it to Offa.

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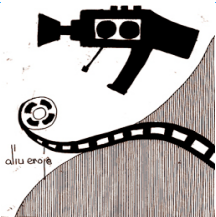
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