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Police arrest prophet for allegedly killing two children

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THE police in Akwa Ibom State are currently investigating a case of murder involving one Gideon Peter who allegedly killed two children.

Peter, believed to be a prophet, was said to have killed seven-year-old Abasi-Ifreke Monday and 10-year-old Edioning Monday after they were labelled witches by their parents.

The State Police Commissioner, Mr. Walter Rugbere, who spoke with journalists on Tuesday, disclosed that the parents of the deceased took them to the prophet.

Rugbere alleged that the prophet administered a poisonous substance on the two children who later died after being rushed to the hospital.

"The prophet was said to have administered a concoction through olive oil on the children brought to him by their parents for divine deliverance service in his prayer house at Ikot Ekpene.

"Soon after the administration of the concoction, the children became weak and died despite being rushed to the hospital for medical attention. Investigation into the matter is in progress," he stated.

Rugbere also announced the arrest of two murder suspects, Iyene Edem and Kufre Esifa.

He said that while Edem was apprehended for killing a boy and his mother with a machete, Esifa was arrested after he allegedly killed his sister.

Edem and Esifa later confessed to the crime while speaking with newsmen at the state police command where they were paraded before journalists.

On the recent communal clash between two communities in Oron Local Government Area, the state police commissioner disclosed that 54 out of the 83 suspects arrested had been charged to court.

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