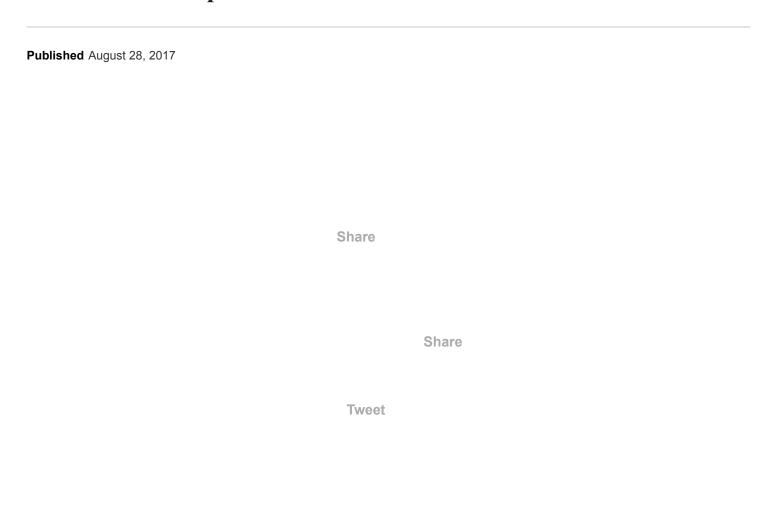
## Police arrest suspected killers of Ondo students



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The Ondo State Police Command on Sunday said it had arrested three suspects in connection with the alleged kidnapping and killing of two female students of the Adeyemi College of Education, Ondo, for ritual purposes.

It was gathered that the two students, Oladepo Blessing and Oluwasemilore Mary, had earlier been declared missing, while their whereabouts was known.

The Public Relations Officer of the command, Mr. Femi Joseph, said one of the suspected ritual killers was arrested on Friday after participating in a robbery in Ondo.

His arrest, Joseph said, led to the arrest of the two other accomplices.

According to the PPRO, the suspects are John Adenikiri, also known as *Emir*; Fisayo Fasanu, aka *Abore*; and a herbalist, Alfa Abdurafiu.

Joseph explained that Adenikiri and Fasanu confessed that they sold the mutilated bodies of the victims to Abdurafiu, who used them for rituals.

The police spokesman noted that Adenikiri and Fasanu were arrested in Ondo town while Abdurafu was arrested in Ore, in the Odigbo Local Government Area of the state.

Joseph said, "We have arrested two suspects in connection with the kidnap and killing of the victims for money ritual. One of the suspects was arrested during a robbery on Friday. After his arrest, he assisted us in arresting the other suspects.

"After a series of interrogation, the suspects confessed to mutilating the bodies of the victims for ritual purposes.

"In fact, the suspects took us to where they buried one of them. On getting there, we found the body already decomposing."

Joseph, however, noted that the command had yet to confirm the identity of the decomposing victim, adding that the suspects would be charged to court at the completion of investigations.

"The parents of the victims may be invited for the identification and forensic expert may also be needed to identify which of the victims was found," Joseph said.

The Public Relations Officer of the school, Mrs. Seto Olatuyi, while reacting to the development, urged the police to do thorough investigations and arrest all the culprits