

# Four burnt to death after ritual killing in Edo

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Edo State Commissioner of Police, DanMallam Muhammed, addressing journalists in Benin City, Edo State capital, on Monday, October 14, 2019.

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Three middle-aged men and a woman were on Monday set ablaze by a mob at Otuo community in the Owan East Local Government Area of Edo State.

The four were alleged to have been involved in the murder of a Senior Secondary School 3 pupil of Azama College, Otuo.

*PUNCH Metro* gathered that the pupil was allegedly killed and her head severed from her body for ritual purposes.

A source in the community said the murder was carried out at night by her neighbour who sent her on an errand to get sachet water in the evening.

While in his room to deliver the sachet water, she was allegedly murdered and decapitated.

Our source said when the girl's parents could not find her, they raised the alarm.

The alleged culprits were said to have been caught while attempting to dump the victim's body in the early hours of the following day.

They were said to have identified two other persons, including the woman who performed the rituals for them.

“The two men were burnt this morning (Monday) along with the woman, while her house was razed. They were all dragged to the popular *Women Centre* where the community police station is located. The third man was traced to his farm and apprehended,” he said.

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Later in the day, our source confirmed that the third man had also been burnt by the mob.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Mr Chidi Nwabuzor, while confirming the incident, said two suspects were lynched.

“The command is aware that a young girl's head was cut off and the youth of the community arrested two suspects, brought them to the front of the station and set them ablaze,” he said.