

Man, 22, beheads Bauchi teenager, plucks eyes for ritual

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A 22-year-old man, Musa Hamza, has been arrested by the police for allegedly beheading a teenager and dismembering his body in the Alkaleri Local Government Area of Bauchi State.

The suspect was also reported to have gouged out the victim's two eyes, burnt the body and head, which he buried in a shallow grave.

This is coming three days after the Bauchi State Police Public Relations Officer, Ahmed Wakil, disclosed that a 20-year-old man was arrested for allegedly cutting off the private parts of a six-year-old child for ritual purposes.

The police said that incident happened on December 30, 2020, around 7.20pm when one Hafsat Wada of Zango area, Jama'are LGA, reported at the Jama'are Police Station that her niece, Safarau Mohammed (not real name), was found in a pool of blood.

She told the police that the six-year-old was rushed to a hospital, where it was confirmed that her private parts had been cut off with a sharp object.

Wakil, a Deputy Superintendent of Police, disclosed that all the buried parts of the victim were exhumed for medical examination.

On the recent incident, he said, "On December 21, 2020, around 9.30am, detectives of the Alkaleri divisional police headquarters arrested one Musa Hamza (22) of Unguwar Wake village, Alkaleri LGA, who lured one Adamu Ibrahim (17) of same address, into the outskirts of the village forest and killed him with a stick and then beheaded him.

"He forcefully gouged out his two eyes, burnt the body and head, and buried them separately in a shallow grave located in a nearby bush.

"During investigation, all the buried human parts were exhumed and taken to

the General Hospital, Alkaleri, for medical examination, where a medical doctor certified that the body parts had been removed.”

He added that upon interrogation, “the two eyes were recovered from the principal suspect, who voluntarily confessed to have committed the crime and was asked by a ritualist to bring the eyes for ritual to enable him to be rich.”

The exhibits recovered from the suspect, according to the police spokesman, are one knife, one Mp3 player, a pair of rubber shoes and a lighter.

He stated that the suspect would be charged to court for prosecution.

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