

# Bauchi herbalist arrested for allegedly killing four minors for ritual

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A 28-year-old herbalist has been arrested in Bauchi State for allegedly killing four children, aged between two and four, for ritual purposes.

The suspected ritualist, Rufa'i Yunusa, of Rumbu village, in the Ningi Local Government of Bauchi State, was arrested by the police on Wednesday, February 17, 2021.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Ahmed Wakil, a Superintendent of Police, disclosed this in a statement on Sunday.

He said the arrest followed a complaint by one Isyaku Ahmed of Kafin Madaki, that the suspect allegedly deceived him that his daughter was suffering from an ailment that required spiritual intervention.

• Yunusa

The police spokesman said child after the father released process. Yunusa, however, killed the her to him for the healing He said, "The Bauchi



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His arrest followed a complaint lodged at the Ganjuwa division of the state command on the same day around 4.30pm by one Isyaku Ahmed, of Unguwan Yamma, Kafin Madaki.

He reported that on Tuesday, February 16, 2021, at about 12.30pm, he took his daughter, Maimuna Isyaku, to a native doctor (Rufa'i Yunusa) for traditional treatment. Rufa'i told him that his daughter (Maimuna) was suffering from a spiritual ailment and assured him that his daughter would be cured.

He then solicited and got the sum of N10,000 from the father, after which he took the little girl into the forest

purportedly for a spiritual healing session, only to return after a while to inform the girl's father that the little girl mysteriously disappeared during the process.

"Upon receipt of the report, the Ganjuwa divisional patrol team swung into action, combed the entire forest and found the slaughtered body of the said Maimuna."

The police spokesman said the victim was rushed to a hospital, where she was confirmed dead by a medical doctor.

He said the suspect, during interrogation, voluntarily confessed to killing the girl.

"He further revealed that she was not his only victim and claimed to usually carrying out the act with parental consent by tacitly informing them that the children might not return during healing sessions.

"A knife and 26 pairs of children clothing were recovered as exhibits during the operation and

A statement by the Governor's Chief Press Secretary, Mr Olisa Ifeajika, said Okowa vowed that no stone would be left

# Fake soldier jailed task force op



• Mohammed

Oluwatosin Omojuyigbe

MAGISTRATE Oyeimbola Adelakun of the Lagos State Mobile Court has sentenced a fake soldier, Kabiru Mohammed, to six weeks' imprisonment for assault and impersonation.

The 25-year-old was said to have attacked officials of the Lagos State Task Force on Environment and