

Suspected ritualist kills Osun food hawker, cuts off hand, head

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A suspected ritualist has allegedly killed a food hawker, Latifat Oyebo, and mutilated her body in the Ogbinnin area of Ile-Ife, Osun State.

The 55-year old Oyebo, a resident of the Alapata area of

Modakeke, was reportedly lured into a mud house, where the suspect lives, on the pretext that he wanted to buy food from her.

A resident of Ogbinnin, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the attention of the residents of the neighbourhood was drawn to the building when foul smell

began to ooze out from it.

He said, "The woman used to hawk 'ekuru' (a meal made from ground beans). Her body was discovered on Saturday; residents had been suspecting that something was amiss following the offensive stench coming from the building.

"Some youths later forced the door open and discovered the mutilated body of the woman in the building. The occupant of the building, a herbalist, has fled. The head and two hands of the deceased were missing."

The angry youth were said to have burnt down the building.

The spokesperson for the state police command, Yemisi Opalola, said investigation had commenced into the incident.