

## news

## Ritualists murdered man six days to wedding, collect ransom, dismember victim

Tunde Oyekola, Ilorin

A man, Mr Olokose Ojo, has been murdered six days to his wedding by his neighbour who promised to assist him to get cow for the ceremony in Kwara State.

Ojo, said to be in his early 30 and a staff member at the National Health Insurance Scheme unit of the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital was said to have been murdered by the neighbour, Kazeem Mohammed, and his gang for ritual purposes.

It was alleged that Mohammed and his gang members were ritualists and Mohammed had twice served jail terms.

The remains of the victim was said to have been cut into pieces by the suspected ritualists and packed into a sack and deposited at the mortuary of University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital.

It was further gathered sensitive parts of his body had been removed while the suspect had poured acid on his remains for speedy decay.

A source said, "The wedding was supposed to take place in March in Akure, Ondo State. Ojo gave Mohammed N350,000 to buy three cows for him.

"The duo later travelled

to Patigi, in the Patigi Local Government Area of the state to buy the cows.

"The groom was attacked in the bush in Patigi by his trusted neighbour and other members of his gang.

"The gang also called his relations that he had been kidnapped and demanded for N12m ransom, which was negotiated to N3m.

"The suspects also used the victim's ATM cards and collected about N1.2m before he was murdered."

Further findings revealed that the suspects killed the victim shortly after the relations paid part of the ransom demanded.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Ajayi Okasanmi, confirmed the incident.

He said, "We have commenced investigation and started making some arrests. That is what I can

say for now. The investigation is still ongoing."

The family and relations of

the victim came to the teaching hospital on Tuesday to collect his remains for burial.

## Court hasn't ordered EFCC to recover money from

Chidiebube Okeoma, Owerri

Okorocha – Aide

the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission to recover "even a pin" from him.

The aide, Sam Onwuemeod in a statement in Owerri, was

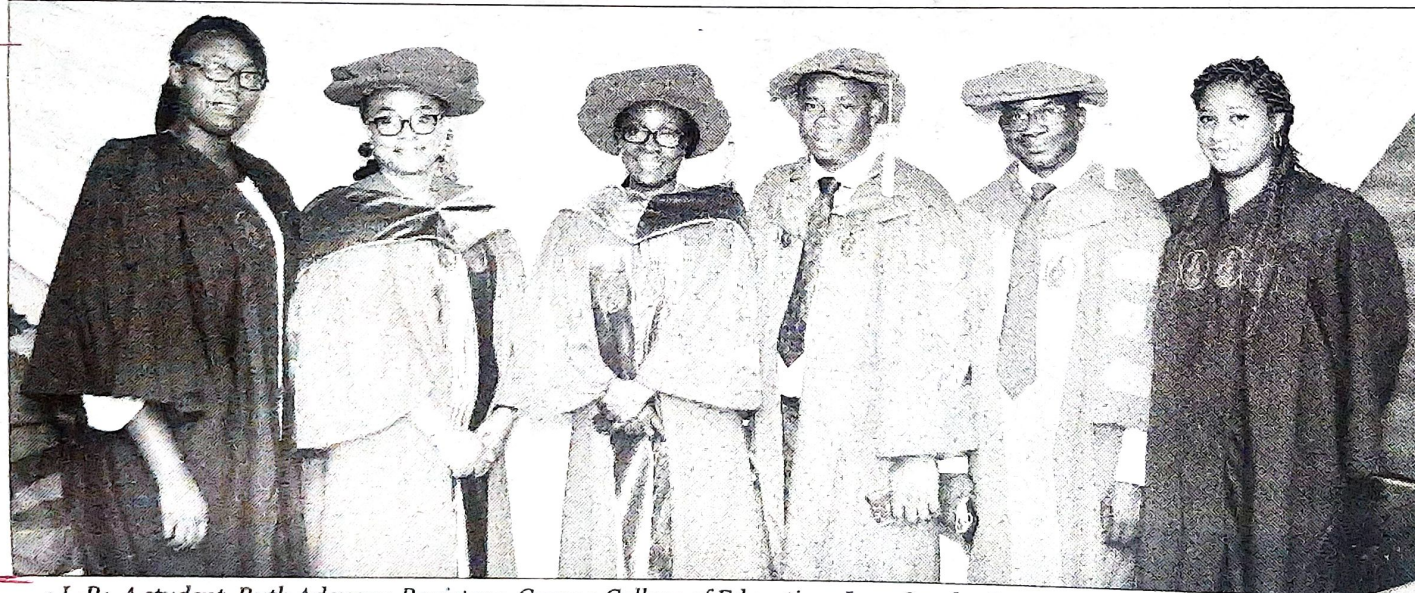
reacting to a document making the rounds that an unnamed court had ordered the EFCC to withdraw 33 "stolen" properties and funds belonging to the state government from him.

The statement reads partly, "No court in the land, both within and outside, whether magistrate court, or customary court, or state high court, or federal high court, or appeal court or Supreme Court, had ordered EFCC to recover even a pin from Okorocha.

"The same EFCC they had talked about was the same commission that invited Okorocha on Tuesday, April 13, 2021, and allowed him to go on Thursday, April 15, 2021.

"Those behind the gimmicks could not reason to the extent of knowing that if the court at any level ordered EFCC to recover all that they had listed from Okorocha, the commission would not have invited him for questioning.

"And now that we have



• L-R: A student, Ruth Adeyem; Registrar, Corona College of Education, Joan Omole; Provost, Corona College of Education, Dr Olajumoke Mekiliuwa; Dean, School of Education, Augustine Mordi; Dean, Students' Affairs, Opeolu Tella; and Kekere Oseyemi, at the Corona College of Education matriculation in Lagos... recently. Photo: Corona College of Education