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his police commissioner had the ordered the immediate transfer of the suspect to the Homicide Section of the State Criminal Investigation and Intelligence Department for further investigation and prosecution.

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Secretary to the Governor, Yinka Oyebo, titled, 'Re: Alleged assault on motorist', stated, "It is, however, important to state clearly that the Governor, Dr Fayemi, is not aware of the incident and cannot be a party to any form of assault on a citizen.

"We empathise with the victim and affirm our belief that no citizen should suffer any form of brutality in contravention of extant laws.

"The allegation is currently being investigated by the state government and relevant security agencies.

"We kindly implore Mr Oshituyi to contact the Governor's Office, Oke Bareke, Ado Ekiti, with useful information to help the investigations."

3 Mother, two daughters killed as SUV rams into stationary truck in Ogun

Daud Olatunji, Abeokuta

A woman and her two daughters have been confirmed dead after her Ford SUV rammed into a stationary Dangote truck from behind on the Sagamu-Benin Expressway, Ogun State.

The accident occurred on Sunday around 12.30pm at Itako, Ijebu-Ife, in the Ijebu-East Local Government Area of Ogun State.

The truck had the number plate, WW 630 XA, while Ford had the number plate AKD 311 HH.

The SUV had four occupants, including the driver, who was employed by the family of the victims.

The Public Relations Officer of the Ogun State Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Corps, Babatunde Akinbiyi, in a statement, said the accident was caused by speed and loss of control.

He said, "According to eyewitnesses, the Ford SUV was on its way from Lagos to the East

Ondo Islamic cleric caught with human head allegedly dies in custody

Peter Dada, Akure

A N Islamic cleric and suspected ritualist, Alfa Tunde Olayiwola, who was arrested for being in possession of a fresh human head, has died in police custody.

Olayiwola, who also claimed to be a herbalist, was paraded along with other suspects by the state Commissioner of Police, Mr Oyeyemi Oyediran, last Thursday at the command headquarters, Akure.

According to the police commissioner, the deceased was arrested at the Oka area of Ondo town.

Oyediran said, "On December 23, 2021, around 9am, the police received information that a self-acclaimed cleric named Alfa Tunde Olayiwola, a suspected ritualist, was about to receive a consignment suspected to be a human head. The police immediately swung into action and the cleric was apprehended at the Ajagbale area of Oka, Ondo town.

"A fresh human head was found in his custody. He confessed that the head found in his possession was to be used to ensure he had a better life."

The 55-year-old Olayiwola, who confessed to the crime, had said he bought the head from a man, whom he did not identify, for N60,000, adding that he wanted to use it for a money ritual.

PUNCH Metro learnt that the suspect died on Saturday, as the cause of his death had yet to be ascertained.

The state Police Public



• The deceased

Relations Officer, Mrs Funmilayo Odunlami, confirmed the death of the suspect.

She said, "At a point, he lost

his voice and later became unconscious and immediately, he was taken to a hospital where he later died."

2 Assailants behead Delta woman, husband shot as communal crisis lingers

Dele Ogunyemi, Warri

G UNMEN have reportedly beheaded a 40-year-old woman, Mrs Oghale Napoleon, while she worked on her farm at Owodokpokpo-Igbide, in the Isoko South Local Government Area of Delta State.

PUNCH Metro gathered that her husband, who was also attacked by the gunmen, escaped with bullet wounds.

The deceased woman,

according to a Facebook post by Umeh Needs Road, "went to the farm with her husband who escaped with bullet wounds, and she was brutally murdered and beheaded at Owodokpokpo-Igbide".

The post read in part, "It is no longer news that Okpolo-Enhwe launched an unwarranted and gruesome attack on innocent Igbide farmers on Thursday, 23 December, 2021. The security operatives, government officials, and IDU as well, have all been notified of this attack.

"The aggression from Okpolo-Enhwe on Thursday 23rd December 2021 took everyone by surprise because in recent times there has been rapprochement of some sorts, including marriages and social visits, between both communities.

"On that fateful day, the warmongers from Okpolo-Enhwe went to our bushes and ambushed an innocent couple on their farm. While the husband escaped the onslaught by a whisker with severe gun injuries, his wife, Mrs Lucky Napoleon, fell to their bullets; and was beheaded. This is most callous and heinous.

"It must be noted that just like all previous attacks from them, this was also unprovoked and took everyone by surprise because, as mentioned earlier, there has been visits between both communities. The sad incident took place just a stone's throw from Owodokpokpo Grammar School, Igbide."

The Delta State Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Bright Edafe, could not be reached for comment on the incident as of the time of filing this report.



• Scene of the crash

on vacation when it rammed into a stationary Dangote truck from behind due to speed and loss of control.

"It was gathered that the driver of the vehicle was driving the late woman and her two daughters to the East on holidays when the unfortunate crash happened.

"The husband of the woman stays overseas and the driver was employed as the family driver.

"However, the accidented vehicles have been taken to

the Ijebu-Ife Police Station for further investigation.

"The bodies of the three casualties were deposited at the Goshen Hospital's morgue.

"While TRACE commiserates with the families of deceased, drivers are urged to eschew speed and dangerous driving, particularly during this harmattan season, when there is much dust haze in the atmosphere, in view of its attendant consequences."