

Suspected ritualists behead Ondo director, police recover corpse

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The Ondo State Police Command on Sunday said it recovered the corpse of a man, Gbenga Olofinmoyegun, on the premises of a primary school in the Akure area of the state on Saturday.

Olofinmoyegun, who was said to be a director in the Ondo State Teaching Service Commission, went missing after he left his office on Thursday.

As his whereabouts were unknown, it was learnt that his family members and friends suspected a kidnap case and were said to be waiting for the call of his supposed abductors for ransom payment.

A source said Olofinmoyegun's whereabouts were unknown until his decomposing body was found on the premises of a primary school in the town.

The source said Olofinmoyegun's head and some other parts of his body had been removed, raising suspicion that he was killed by suspected ritualists.

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"The suit and tie he wore to the office on the day he was missing was still on him when his body was found without his head and some other part of his body," the source said.

Confirming the incident, the state Police Public Relations Officer, Funmilayo Odunlami, said the mutilated corpse of the late director was found on Saturday in Akure, explaining that the deceased was identified by some people through the suit he wore before he went missing.

She said, “Yesterday (Saturday) afternoon somebody called to inform us that a decomposing corpse was found at Saint Theresa, close to St. Peter in Akure. When the police got there to remove the corpse, some people came around and identified him as the director we have been searching for in the past three days.

“It was his suit they used to identify him, but his head had been cut off and his chest ripped open while his intestine was removed. Investigation has started. His phone was left behind and some other things too. So, we are going to work with what we have to know if he has issues with anybody. And if it is a ritual case, it is an investigation that will reveal all these.”

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