

Four arrested for lynching Adamawa woman over witchcraft

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The suspects

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Four men have been arrested by the police for allegedly lynching a woman over witchcraft in the Michika area of Adamawa State.

The suspects, James Dogara, 34; Emma Pious, 22; Irmiya Joshua, 22; and Sini James, 22, reportedly burnt the victim, Martha Mamman, to death following her alleged confession of killing six persons in Mughule village.

PUNCH Metro learnt that the men burnt the mother of one to death on December 4, 2022, shortly after she was dragged by members of the community to the palace of the ward head over the death of three persons suspected to have died from witchcraft.

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Dogara, who confessed to lynching Martha after he was arrested by the police, said, "The deceased confessed to killing three people at the residence of the ward head during interrogation. This was after she was summoned to explain what she knew about the death of those three people in the community. A few days later, we stormed her residence as a result of which she confessed to causing the death of three persons again, bringing the total number of persons killed by her to six."

The suspect, who said he was not alone in the lynching, added that while he was beating the woman, some other young men in custody with him brought out petrol which was used in lynching her.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, SP Suleiman Nguroje, said the suspects were being investigated and would soon be arraigned.