

# 32-year old suspected ritualist nabbed in Ogun



•The suspects

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A star suspect in a case of ritual killings and sale of human parts in Ogun State, Adebayo Azeez, on Thursday, shared a chilling story of how he had used a dating app, "MyChat" to lure and brutally murder seven women mainly for money ritual purposes.

The 32-year-old Azeez, while being paraded at Ogun State police command headquarters, Elewera, Abeokuta, confessed to being part of a ritualist gang, specialising in killing women for money ritual.

The arrest of Azeez followed the apprehension and public parade of seven other gang members of these alleged ritualists on February 15, 2024.

Those paraded were two herbalists, Moses Abidemi and Oluwo Samuel Monday, as well as two alleged priests of Cherubim and Seraph Church, Prophet Peter Oluwalolese and Prophet Jamiu Yusuf, over the brutal killing of one Sulaimon Adijat aged 35 for money ritual purposes.

Also arrested and paraded for this dastardly act were Akinwunmi Ifatosin, Sheriff Agbai and Osojiahen Alioneitouria who are both from Uromi in Esan West Local Government Area of Edo State.

All were accused of allegedly killing 35-year-old Sulaimon Adijat for money ritual who whose parents had reported missing around January 9.

Speaking during the parade the Commissioner of Police, Abiodun Alamutu, disclosed that Azeez, who had been evading arrest, was captured on February 23 from his hideout.

Alamutu disclosed the collaboration between Azeez and Awuraji, a

herbalist, in strangulating the victims to death.

The dismembered body parts were then allegedly sold to Oluwo Monday Samuel and Alfa Ariwo (still at large) for ritualistic purposes.

Alamutu added, "The three suspects confessed to the killing of ten different ladies at the Igbo Olomi residence of Moses Abidemi."

Azeez, narrating his modus operandi, explained, "I got the ladies from MyChat, a hookup app. When contacted by Awuraji, I would negotiate with the victims on the app, finalise the deal, and provide my address in Atan-Ota."

"I would pick them up, transport them to Awuraji's house, where we executed the heinous act. I joined the gang in September 2023, participated in the murder of seven women.

"I do not know the ultimate purpose of the group, my role was merely to source victims and collect payment."

While assuring the public that investigations were ongoing to identify other potential victims, Alamutu urged those with missing relatives to report to the police with photographs for assistance.

He added, "The shocking revelations from Azeez's confession have sent shockwaves through the community, highlighting the need for increased vigilance and awareness regarding online interactions.

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