

Suspected ritualists dismember

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RESIDENTS of the Sedu 2 community in the Ogjo area of Ogun State are calling for an increased security presence, particularly from the Ogun State Police Command, following the discovery of a dismembered body of an unidentified woman on Sunday.

The command's spokesperson, Omolola Odutola, confirmed the discovery of the dismembered corpse on Sunday and stated that an investigation was underway to track down those responsible for the gruesome act, suspected to be a ritual killing.

This incident comes just days after an Islamic cleric in Kwara State, Muhammed Bello, allegedly murdered his girlfriend, Hafsoh Lawal, and dismembered her corpse, whom he had met on Facebook.

PUNCH Metro gathered on Sunday that the headless body, with both hands severed and wrapped in a sack, was found

in a fenced farmland within the community.

The unsettling discovery was reported at the Ogjo Police Station on Sunday, at about 3:10 p.m. by some of the residents who spoke with PUNCH Metro.

Stating that preliminary investigations suggested the body was dumped at the location, Odutola disclosed that the crime scene was cordoned off and the remains of the deceased had been deposited at the Olabisi Onabanjo University Teaching Hospital in Sagamu for preservation and forensic examination.

Odutola also noted that the Commissioner of Police, Lanre Ogunlowo, had ordered a thorough investigation into the case to apprehend those behind the crime.

She emphasised that the CP urged parents and guardians to engage their children in security discussions at home, highlighting the importance of vigilance and community cooperation in crime prevention.



•The victim

Speaking with PUNCH Metro, a resident who requested anonymity due to fear of reprisal, called on the police to conduct regular patrols to prevent such occurrences in the future.

"A member of the community

saw a wrapped bag with blood dripping from it. When someone tried to check what was inside, a severed human hand fell out," the resident recounted.

"They dismembered her body and brought it to our community.

another woman in Ogun

We need protection. We don't want things like this to happen again."

Another resident, who

identified herself as Ronke, expressed shock at how the body

was dumped without anyone noticing.

Three killed in Lagos, Ogun cult clashes

Johnson Idowu

NO fewer than three persons were killed in separate cult clashes in the Mushin area of Lagos State and the Lantoro area of Abeokuta, Ogun State capital.

PUNCH Metro gathered on Monday that the cult clashes which occurred late Friday and Saturday, stemmed from renewed disputes between members of the Aiye confraternity and the Eiye confraternity.

In Ogun State, our correspondent learnt from a community source who pleaded anonymity on Monday that one person identified as Aro was killed by some assailant who attacked him in the Lantoro area of Abeokuta at about 11 pm on Friday.

The source told our



•Ogun CP, Ogunlowo

correspondent that the assailants pursued Aro into a building in the area and caught up with him, dragged him out of the building and shot at him leaving him in the pool of his blood.

The incident was said to have caused panic in the area as residents scampered for safety.

The source said, "There was a cult clash in Lantoro Abeokuta on Friday. One Aro was killed by some suspected Aiye members.

They pursued him into a house and shot him in the head. The police came and took his body away."

Confirming the incident in a statement on Monday, the state Police Public Relations Officer, Omolola Odutola, identified the victim as 22-year-old Razak Jimoh.

She added that the Divisional Police Officer in the area mobilised to the scene of the incident, recovered the body of the deceased and deposited it at a nearby morgue.

She said, "The Ogun State Police Command has commenced a thorough investigation into the gruesome murder of one Razak Jimoh, male, 22 years old, who

was attacked and killed by two masked assailants in Lantoro, Abeokuta on February 13, 2025, at about 11 pm.

"According to an eyewitness report, the deceased ran into a residence near Lantoro while being pursued by two masked men. The assailants forcefully dragged him out to the corridor, where they brutally axed him on the leg before fatally shooting him in the head.

"Upon receiving the distress report, the Divisional Police Officer of Kemta Division immediately mobilised detectives to the crime scene. The victim's body has since been deposited at the General Hospital for autopsy and further investigation."

The PPRO condemned the killing while emphasising that a manhunt had begun for the