

Two suspects arrested over murder of seven-year-old boy

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THE Edo State Police Command has arrested two suspects in connection with the gruesome murder of a seven-year-old boy, Evans Okojabhole, whose mutilated body was found dumped near his home in the Irrua area of the state.

The suspects, identified as 45-year-old Pastor Ijebor Simon and 23-year-old Destiny Okojabhole, were apprehended after preliminary investigations linked them to the horrific crime.

The shocking discovery reportedly sent shocking waves through the residents of Irrua after the missing child was found with his stomach ripped open, his feet severed from the ankle, and several fingers cut off.

Disclosing the arrests on Wednesday via his X.com handle, the police command's spokesperson, Moses Yamu, described the incident as a heinous crime.

"The Edo State Police Command received a case of murder reported by one John Okhojibole of Jehovah's Witness Road, off Elebesunu Street in Irrua," Yamu stated.

According to the police, Evans Okojabhole was reported missing around 1:45pm on February 22, 2025, before his lifeless and dismembered body was discovered in a bush 24

hours later.

Following an investigation, the two suspects were detained and transferred to the State Criminal Investigations Department in Benin City for further interrogation.

"The suspects were taken into custody by officers from the Irrua Divisional Headquarters. They have since been transferred to the State Criminal Investigations Department in Benin City for further interrogation," the statement read.

While the state reeled from the horror of the child's killing, tragedy struck again when suspected herdsmen ambushed and killed a 50-year-old vigilante commander, Victor Ogedengbe, at his farm in Erah Camp, Owan East Local Government Area.

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THE Adamawa State Police Zone 3 has arrested the proprietor of Aliyu Mustapha College, Mrs Amada Pam, and a teacher, simply identified as Mr Morgan, at Upper Luggere in Jimeta, Yola, the state capital, over the torture of a student.

Our correspondent was informed by a security source who did not want to be identified that the student, called Jafa Bashiru,