



Kamoru Yusuf, 25, with the severed head of his eight-year-old niece, Miss Omobola Moses. He confessed to strangling the little girl recently in Ira, Oyun Local Government Area of Kwara State, and severing her head for money-making ritual.

Man Cuts Off Niece's Head For Money-Making Ritual

It was a bizarre spectacle at the Kwara State Police Command when the command paraded two men and an herbalist for ritual killing just as six others were nabbed for other offences.

One of the suspects paraded is called Kamoru Yusuf, 25, who confessed to strangling his eight-year-old niece, Miss Omobola Moses, recently in Ira, Oyun Local Government Area of Kwara State, and severing her head for money-making ritual.

The suspects were paraded at the Police Headquarters, Ilorin on Monday by the state Police Commissioner, Alhaji Audu Abubakar.

Kamoru, while answering questions from newsmen, said he committed the heinous crime "because I want to be rich quickly, even though I am a brick-layer by profession".

Yusuf said on the fateful day,

he lured the girl from her parents' home, abducted and took her to a nearby bush where he and his friend, Adesina Adesakin, 20, from Osogbo in Osun State killed the girl and severed her head.

He said they took the severed head to a herbalist who had directed him to look for a human head for the money-making ritual.

"The girl was my niece and since the herbalist asked me to look for the head of a young girl, I had to kill and cut her head for presentation to the herbalist so that he could prepare the money-making charm for me.

"I took the little girl to the farm in company of my friend and we strangled her and cut off the head. But when everybody knew that the girl was missing, I fled the community until I was arrested by the police at Ore in Ondo State," he stated.

Yusuf said he had paid N7,000 which the herbalist charged as fees for his work.

But the 65-year-old herbalist, Saliu Oyewole who also confessed to have instructed the culprit to bring the head of young girl, stated that he had requested Yusuf to bring a dry head and not a fresh one.

He disclosed to newsmen that Yusuf approached him for assistance on how to get rich.

"I instructed him to provide a dry head and not a fresh one if he wanted quick money. When he requested for assistance in this regard, I told him to look for the dry head of a young girl. Ordinarily, he was supposed to go to the cemetery to exhume the corpse of a young girl so that the head could be used for the charm. So, he brought the fresh head of this young girl and I rejected it because it could not be useful for that purpose."

While parading the suspects with other criminals apprehended by the state police command, the Commissioner of Police, Alhaji

Audu Abubakar said the three suspects were arrested in connection with ritual killing.

"On the 27 August this year, Kamoru Yusuf and his friend abducted his niece, late Miss Omobola Moses, lured her from her parents' home, and took her to the bush and strangled her. They severed the head which was later taken to a native doctor in Ondo State so that he can perform a ritual for them with a view to getting rich," he added.

According to the Police Commissioner, the 65-year-old herbalist, Mr. Saliu Oyewole, a resident of Ondo State, rejected the head on the ground that he requested for a dry head and not a fresh one for the ritual.

He continued: "In order to conceal this, the two suspects dumped the head and the body in a forest near Ira town where it was later recovered by police detectives.