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Ritualist Kills 6yr. Old Boy

A six-year-old boy simply identified as Dan-Haru was on Saturday afternoon beheaded by a suspected ritualist in Chanchaga, a suburb of Minna, the Niger capital.

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that the headless corpse was dumped in a well.

NAN gathered that the victim was left at home with his four-year-old brother by their parents who were petty traders at Kasuwa dari, a popular night market.

The younger brother was said to have escaped from the

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assailant during the attack and reported the incident to their father who was selling kolanuts at the market.

Eyewitnesses, however, said the late response by the father led to the escape of the assailant after killing the victim.

NAN gathered that the mother of the deceased discovered his clothes inside the well and raised an alarm which attracted the father and sympathisers.

The Police Public Relation Officer of Niger Command, Mr. Richard Oguche, confirmed the incident, pointing out that the Force had commenced investigation into the incident.

He said the assailant might have used a block moulding engine found with blood stain at the house to smash the head of the deceased.

Oguche said the police had not made any arrest in connection with the incident while the corpse had been released for burial.

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