

14-year-old boy arrested for killing boy

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A 16-year-old boy, simply identified as Azeez, has been arrested for allegedly killing a four-year-old boy for rituals.

Azeez is being interrogated at the Homicide section of the State Criminal Investigations Department (SCID), Yaba, Lagos.

The suspect was arrested by policemen from Ijanikin station and handed over to the SCID.

He allegedly lured the deceased to the back of a primary school in Ijanikin where he killed the boy.

He was said to have removed the deceased's intestine and kidney before he was arrested.

In his confessional statement, Azeez claimed that one Osho sent him, adding that the accomplice promised to give him N50,000 if he could get vital human organs.

"I live with my parents along Moshalashi Street, Ijanikin. The deceased is my neighbour's son. His name is Ibrahim Hassan Jamiu. Some-time last month, Osho promised to give me N50,000 if I could help him get fresh human parts.

"At first, I did not want to succumb to the temptation but he kept coming. When I woke up this morning (yesterday) I saw Ibrahim at the back of the house. I told him to escort me to a primary school not too far from the house. He followed me to the place. On arrival, I stabbed him with a knife from behind. He fell down. I strangled him with a rope. I cut his stomach open with the knife. I am so sorry for what I did. If I had known that this thing will result to my arrest, I wouldn't have agreed to kill the boy."

Acting Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Patricia Amadin, a Deputy Superintendent, who confirmed the incident, said the suspect has since been transferred to the SCID, while the body had been deposited at a government mortuary.

She said the suspect was arrested following a tip-off.