

## Ritualists murder 4 in Edo

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**SUSPECTED** ritualists have killed four persons in Ubiaja, headquarters of Esan South East Local Government Area of Edo State.

The lawmaker representing the area in the House of Assembly, Mr Festus Udughele, told the House yesterday that activities of hoodlums had led to the killing of some persons with their bodies mutilated.

He said a body of a woman was found inside a church, a skull also discovered in a school, while another body of a middle-aged man was seen with his organ mutilated.

Mr Udughele also said a student of one of the tertiary institutions in the area was also killed by suspected cultists during the last voter registration in the state.

The Assembly therefore, called on the state police command and other security agencies to beef up security in Ubiaja.

It also directed the security agencies to embark on proper investigations to unravel and prosecute those behind the killings.

The resolution followed a motion brought under Matters of Urgent Public Importance raised by Mr Udughele.

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