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to her house and saw the son in the pool of his own blood. So we rushed him to Kubwa General Hospital around 12:00am where the doctor confirmed him dead," he said

The deceased mother, in her own account said, "I am a widow and the family nurse to Abdulkareem family. They came to my house for treatments. The suspect had sent me a text message around 9:00pm that day and accused me of having a love relationship with her husband and warned me to stop.

"She later came to my house and called her husband, who was in my house earlier for treatment. She insisted that her husband was in my house. I called the police but she refused to follow them, so they had to leave her.

"Suddenly I heard my daughter calling me that the suspect had stabbed my son, Awal. I called the suspect's husband, who raced down to my house and we rushed my son to Kubwa General Hospital where the doctor confirmed that he was dead. I want justice to be done on this case," she added.

The Deputy Commissioner of Police, State Criminal Investigation Department FCT Abuja, Mr. Bala Ciroma confirmed to *Sunday Sun* that the suspect was being held and added that

Cultist tells chilling story of how he beheaded, sold victims' heads to native doctor

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THE road has come to an end for Leenebari Yaede, who is alleged by the police to be a notorious robber and cultist, and whose criminal signature was to kill and behead his victims.

Until he was arrested on January 5, by the Anti-Cultism Squad of the Rivers State Police Command, after a manhunt, Yaede had an unholy agreement with a native doctor who bought the heads of the victims for the sum of N20,000 each.

Yaede, 25, is alleged to have killed and beheaded 10 victims. As *Sunday Sun* learnt from the Rivers State Commissioner of Police, Mr. Ahmed Zaki, Yaede and his gang had been terrorizing Kono community in Khana Local Government Area for so long. The gang had also been involved in several armed robbery operations along Owerri-Port Harcourt Road, during which some of the victims were just shot dead. As his notoriety and criminal activities increased, the police in Rivers State declared him wanted.

At the headquarters of the police command, where he is being held in custody while investigation into his alleged criminal activities progresses, Yaede, a welder turned robber, who attended primary school in Kono community before going on to Community Secondary School Kono, and finishing in 2005, spoke with *Sunday Sun* about how one of his victims, 21-year-old

my cult group and I killed Temple Anthony. Then I beheaded him and took the head to my native doctor and sold it for N20,000. I also killed several other victims and also beheaded them."

Corroborating the claim with information obtained in the course of investigation of the case by detectives, Zaki said that between November and December 2016, Yaede had killed several people.

Again in February 2017, the suspect and his gang killed 30-year-old Bariyira Daniel, who was then beheaded by Yaede. His murderous rampage continued in August 2017 with the killing and beheading of Abe Oko and a lady, whose name was given as Christiana. The heads of all the victims were sold for N20,000 to the native doctor. The family of Daniel reported his death at the police station in Kono community.

Following the report, Zaki said the police command intensified its intelligence gathering effort as detectives under the leadership of the commander of the Anti-Cultism Squad, Supol Ahijo Lawson, stayed on the trail of the suspect. The diligence of the team paid off when Yaede was arrested on January 5, 2018, in the Bori area of Kono community. He cracked while being interrogated and named two of his accomplices, namely Newman John and Menukari John Anthony who are now in custody.

Zaki further disclosed that the native doctor is now at large. However, he assured that Yaede and the other suspects in custody

