

MURDERED FOR YAHOO PLUS TALISMAN

Girl, 12, killed by 5 men who removed her organs for rituals

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A new chapter was added to the horror of Yahoo boys when detectives from Kwara State Criminal Investigation Department arrested four suspects—Salawudeen Azeez, 18, Ismail Suleiman, 19, Abdul Rafiu Anai, 35, and Ibrahim Jimoh, 28—for allegedly murdering 12-year-old Habba Adamu. The suspects killed and eviscerated the victim and removed her heart and intestine. The grisly murder took place on February 14, 2019, in Bala village, a community located at the outskirts of Ilorin, capital of Kwara State.

The victim, Habba Adamu was a 12-year-old who daily hawked cheese (wara). She was ambushed on February 14, 2019, as she walked along a footpath that passed through the bush to a neighbouring village.

Her family had reported her missing at Malete Police Division when she failed to return home in the night. The case was transferred to the State Criminal Investigation Department. It took detectives seven days to round up the suspects who subsequently led them to the spot where they dumped the body in the bush.

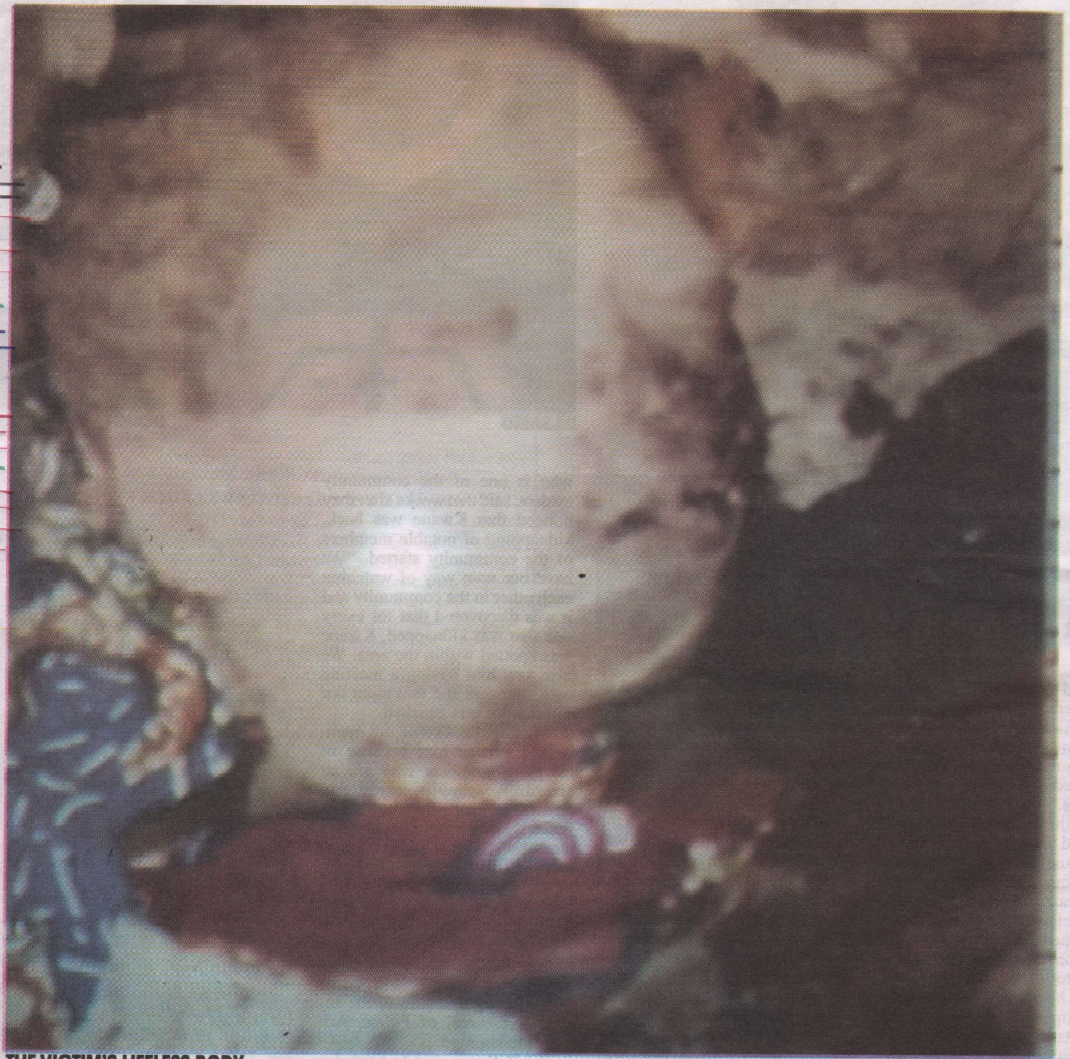
Family's agony

The victim's father, Adamu, who spoke with *Saturday Sun* said the brutal murder of his daughter has been a great agony to them.

"My daughter had left home on that day to sell wara," he recounted. "It was unusual for her to return home late. But we waited till it was dark before we went to Malete Police Division to report her missing. Two weeks later, before we heard some people had been arrested in connection with my missing daughter. Unfortunately, they could not produce her alive. They took us to the bush where they dumped her body after they killed her and removed parts of her body."

He confirmed that the police authority has released the corpse to the family and the remains buried according to Islamic rites.

"We commend the police for the arrest of the suspects," Adamu said, "More importantly we want justice to be done."



THE VICTIM'S LIFELESS BODY

Horrible details from the suspects

The suspects, Ibrahim Jimoh and Salawudeen Azeez, told *Saturday Sun* their ulterior motive for the murder was "how to make money."

According to Azeez, "the herbalist gave us instruction that we have to bring a little girl's heart for the ritual."

He revealed further: "We laid an ambush for two days until the little girl was passing through the bush. We overpowered her, strangled her. Then I used a knife to cut her belly open and removed her intestines and heart. Those were the only organ and body part we removed."

He continued: "We didn't bury her. We used leaves to cover her corpse. One of us took the

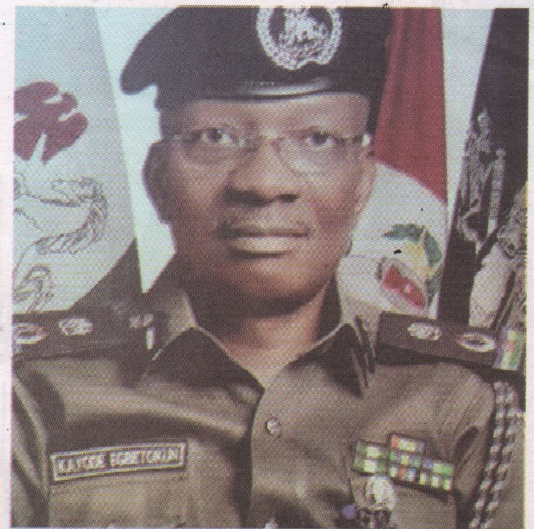
heart and intestines to our herbalist who had promised to use it for a ritual that will boost our Yahoo Plus business."

The fifth member of the gang currently at large took the victim's body parts to the herbalist, Azeez claimed.

After the murder, the suspects subsequently dispersed to different locations. They were "waiting for the result" of the ritual when detectives arrested

them in Akure (Ondo State) and in Lagos State.

Kwara State Commissioner of Police, Kayode Egbetokun affirmed that the four suspects will soon be charged to court for murder. While assuring that the last member of the gang on the run would be brought to book, he enjoined members of the public to assist the police with vital information that will lead to his arrest.



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