

Police smash human parts syndicate in Lagos

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...Pastor's son, village head, herbalists members confess of killing, selling human parts

THE Lagos State Police command has smashed a human parts syndicate led by a pastor's son and a village head.

Already the police have taken into custody, seven persons, including the village head, the pastor's son, a female herbalist, and a male herbalist allegedly involved in killing and selling of human parts for ritual purposes.

The syndicate was smashed by the Commissioner of Police Special Squad led by CSP Kehinde Oni.

The gang had in the past lured unsuspecting members of the public to Lagos State, where they killed them in cold blood and dismembered their bodies for sales.

The arrested suspects, the police said, are: Ademola Akinlosotu, 33, (alias Agesin); 25-year-old Sunday Padonu (aka Osetura); Oba Yusuf Lawal, Muibat Adeshina (aka Iya Osun); a herbalist, Kamoli Aderibigbe, and 42-year-old Baale Dada Travi, the community chief in Akarakumo, in Badagry, Lagos State.

A victim of the gang was a day-old baby, who was given birth to at a trade-medical home, which belongs to one of the gang members, Kamoli Aderibigbe.

The son of a pastor, Agesin, who was said to be one of the leaders of the gang confessed to the crime and revealed that they sold fresh human head for between N45,000 and N50,000 while dried human heads sold for between N30,000 and N35,000.

He confessed to the police that "I got N248,000 as my share in the last job that I executed. I don't send them to kill, but I buy human parts."

"I met Baale through Mama Osun. I have killed three people for them. I met

Mama Osun when she was celebrating the Osun Festival, and she invited Baale, who brought his friend to Ogun festival.

"We all started talking. I told them what I do for a living, and they said we could work together. They introduced me to Osetura, the Ifa Priest who offered his house for the killings."

"He used to make divinations to know if there would be any problem when we kill anyone brought to the house."

"When I started, I do go to cemeteries to exhume

corpses. People call me to place orders. The guy who introduced me to the business of exhuming bodies at cemeteries is dead."

"I was only exhuming bodies until Alfa (Wahab) asked me to start supplying fresh body parts. There was a time I went to Oke-Iho in Oyo State to lure a guy who was looking for a job to Lagos. I promised to get him a job on a farm."

"I called Balogun, a member of our gang, to inform him that I had a business."

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Enugu police rescue kidnapped pregnant woman, arrest suspects

...Victim's husband hails Gov Mbah for taking over wife's medical bills

From **Jude Chinedu**, Enugu

POLICE operatives, of the Enugu State Command acting on intelligence-guided discreet investigations, have arrested two male suspects allegedly involved in the abduction of a heavily pregnant woman along Eke-Egede Road in Udi LGA around 9:45 p.m., on April 22.

The Commissioner of Police, Enugu State Command, CP Kanayo Uzuegbu, has equally ordered the manhunt of other members of the kidnapping gang at large.

The arrest was confirmed in a statement issued yesterday by the Police Public Rela-

tions Officer, PPRO, Enugu State Command, DSP Daniel Ndukwe.

This is also the victim's husband, Mr Ekene Igwe, has hailed the Enugu State government for its quick intervention, which includes taking over the wife's medical bills.

Ndukwe on his part said that CP Uzuegbu swiftly led a crack team of police operatives, complemented by the Neighbourhood Watch Group and Forest Guards, to rescue the woman on April 23, 2024, around noon, barely 24 hours after her abduction.

According to him, "providentially, the woman, later identified as Chinwendu Igwe and already in her expected

period of delivery, delivered a male child and, upon her rescue, was taken to the hospital, where she and the baby were medically attended to and are in good condition courtesy of the Enugu State government, which has undertaken to foot the medical bills of the mother and newborn. "A preliminary investigation into the incident has revealed that the woman, unaided and for reasons yet-to-be ascertained, knowing that she was within her expected period of delivery, embarked on a journey by land with two of her children from Lagos to her paternal home in Egede, Udi LGA."

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