

One of the captives at the Soka dungeon set free yesterday

DEATH STALKS IBADAN COMPOUND AS BODIES ARE DISCOVERED

to their clients. This was corroborated by bloodstains on the floor and what could have been wooden slaughter slabs.

About 18 emaciated males and five females, chained on their legs, were also freed from captivity in the site. Among the captives freed from the gory abode of horror was an aged woman, who was kidnapped and kept in the dungeon since 2008.

Another female captive, said to have been delivered of a baby early yesterday but the infant was sold, was also released with bloodstains on her. Asked how she found herself in the area, she managed to utter a few words and then fainted. There were

also about nine captives lying on the ground, too weak to speak.

More skulls, bones and dismembered parts were discovered in the neighbouring bush. Also discovered were open graves, where bodies were dumped.

It was gathered that the forest was a market of sorts for human parts with buyers visiting the area at night. Eye-witness accounts confirmed that many high-profile people usually patronised the area especially at night. A source also revealed that some Fulani herdsmen had often been seen in the area grazing their cattle.

One Akeem Isiaka, 38, was arrested at the scene and taken away by security

agents to Sanyo Police station.

When contacted, the Oyo State Police Command spokesperson, Mrs Olabisi Clet-Ilobanafor said some arrests were made yesterday, but the prime suspect is still at large. The police spokesperson also said some security personnel have been detailed to cordon off the scene to prevent people from taking the law into their hands.

It would be recalled that a cobbler was in June last year arrested for the alleged murder of a commercial motorcycle (known as Okada) operator of Northern Nigerian extraction in the Soka area.

The cobbler, Kazeem Bamidele a.k.a. Kazzy

International Shoe Works, was arrested with human parts. The police, who had reportedly taken him to the shack, which served as his workshop, discovered the decapitated head and dismembered legs of the victim hidden inside a bush behind the wooden shop.

Bamidele was said to have been apprehended with an accomplice in the act by two members of a vigilante security outfit by around 1am. The security men were suspicious of their late night activities and had interrogated them.

Nothing has since been heard of this case after the suspects were taken into custody by the police.