

# Man lynched for eating faeces in Ekiti

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**A**n angry mob yesterday beat a man, believed to be in his 30s, to death at Matthew Street in Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State for allegedly eating human faeces.

The identity of the man was not known at press time.

The incident caused commotion as people claimed that the suspect was being led round parts of the state capital, including Okeyinmi, Matthew Street, Ijigbo and others, before he was taken to Odo-Ado, where he was lynched.

Witnesses at the scene where the man they said was suspected to be a 'ritualist' was lynched claimed that he was killed for eating faeces.

When journalists arrived at

the scene, the victim had been partly burnt while the body was on the street at an area of Odo-Ado called Red Roof Junction.

People in the area claimed that the man had earlier been paraded in parts of the state capital, including the palace of the Ewi of Ado-Ekiti, Oba Rufus Adeyemo Adejugbe, to report the incident.

Sources claimed that the man was sighted by an unidentified elderly woman, who raised the alarm which prompted youths to arrest him.

They stripped him and while he was being beating, sources said the victim sought help by mentioning some clergymen he claimed to know in the town.

The mob had followed him to a white garment church at the Odo-Ado area, but when

they couldn't get the cleric the victim had named at home, he allegedly took to his heels but the mob caught up with him at the Red Roof Junction.

The mob had pulled down the roof of the church and destroyed its property, including everything in an adjoining room neighbours had described as "the church office".

None of the witnesses at the neighbourhood could identify the victim. They directed journalists to Matthew Street, saying "that is where the whole thing started".

Those who gathered at the Red Roof Junction dispersed when they saw journalists. They refused to speak and claimed they could be victims of police raid when the security agents arrived to investigate the incident.

All the witnesses could give as reason for the killing was "they said he was gathering faeces into a bag at Matthew area, and they said it was an elderly woman that spotted him and raised the alarm".

The witnesses also claimed that the man was lynched on the suspicion that he was a 'ritualist'.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Mr. Caleb Ikechukwu, could not be reached for his comments on the incident as his mobile line was switched off.

The Divisional Police Officer (DPO) in charge of Odo-Ado said he was not in the office and had not been briefed on the incident.

He said: "We are currently busy where the Vice President is having an event."



The victim