

# Man beheads, sucks three-year-old boy's blood inside church



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A

man, Christian Akam, in Ishielu Local Government Area of Ebonyi State, has allegedly beheaded a three-year-old boy inside a church and sucked his blood.

The incident occurred at Ugbenyim in Umuhuali community. It was learnt that Akam and the mother of the slain boy, Mrs. Ukwu, from the same village, in Onunwankwo Local Government Area, met at a prayer ministry.

The head of the local vigilantes in the area, Jude Nwankpu, told our correspondent that Akam returned with his brother from Nnewi in Anambra State where they reside. The brother then took him to pay a visit to the woman in charge of the prayer ministry.

He said: "When Akam got to the prayer ministry, he saw a young lady from his village, Mrs Ukwu, with her three-year-old son. Akam and the woman exchanged pleasantries. Both of them came to see the woman in charge of the ministry, but she had gone to Onitsha in Anambra State. They both decided to wait until she returned. While they were still waiting, Mrs. Ukwu left to fetch water to bathe her child, having waited for a long time. She left the child with a young girl. When Akam realised there was no elderly person watching, he took a machete, snatched the child from the girl and beheaded him."

Nwankpu added that it was the shout from the girl minding the child that alerted people.

He said: "What surprised most of us was that Christian picked up the head of the boy and began to suck the blood in the presence of everyone."

Nwankpu added that the suspect was later overpowered by the village vigilantes and other villagers.

A family member of Akam, who didn't want his name mentioned, disclosed that the suspect was already exhibiting signs of 'madness,' which was actually why his brother took to the prayer ministry.

The suspect was later handed over to Ezilo Police Division. The police were said to have also arrested the parents of the suspect.

The Ebonyi State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Loveth Odah, said she was not aware of the matter. She, however, promised to contact Ezilo Police Station to get the facts of

the case.