

# Fear grips residents as suspected ritualist beheads woman, dumps body

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**F**ear has gripped residents of Oke-Baale area of Osogbo, capital of Osun State, following the killing of a middle aged woman.

The woman, said to have been homeless for some months in the area, was butchered.

She was said to have been dragged to the back of the shops directly opposite Osogbo Local Government Secretariat where she was beheaded.

The assailants also cut off her two hands and left her remains at the vacant land in the area.

*New Telegraph* gathered at the scene of the crime that some suspected ritualists would have carried out the dastardly act.

Her remains was discovered yesterday morning by some shop owners in the area.

Gripped by fear, traders and shop

owners in the vicinity refused to open their shops for businesses, apparently for fear of being arrested by law enforcement agents.

As at 11:30am when our correspondent visited the scene, residents and passersby crowded the environment where the corpse was abandoned.

No security agent was seen in the area, neither has authorities of the local government made any effort to evacuate the corpse.

It was gathered that the victim had been homeless for some months and had been living beside the road in the area, begging for alms.

A teenage girl who was always seen with the woman was said to have been impregnated by some unknown men and had since been delivered.

Meanwhile, residents of the area called on government and other appropriate authorities to evacuate the corpse and investigate the killing of the woman.