

## Herbalist arrested with 3 human skulls

By Kolade Larewaju

**A**BEEKUTA—A middle-aged herbalist, Waheed Somorin was yesterday arrested for allegedly being in possession of three human heads.

The herbalist who was apprehended by some members of the Odua Peoples Congress OPC at Ijeun Titun area of Abeokuta, the Ogun State capital was immediately handed over to the police but not before his house was burnt by an irate mob.

Arrested along with him was an herb seller at the Itoku Market, simply identified as Afusat, who was said to be one of his main clients.

The herbalist, an indigene of Opeji in Odeda Local Government Area of the state was said to have exhumed the heads and some clothes at the cemetery of Saint John's Anglican Church Igbehin, located at Oke Dekudu very close to Paramount FM along Abeokuta-Sagamu road.

Trouble was said to have started for the herbalist when disturbed residents of the area where he lives were said to have informed some OPC members who decidedly put the house under surveillance.

Acting on a tip off by some of the residents, members of the OPC were said to have trailed him to the cemetery at about mid night yesterday where he allegedly exhumed the corpses, cut off the heads and wrapped them in some of the clothes taken from the



Waheed Somorin, the herbalist and Afusat.

graves.

The men of the OPC were said to have immediately apprehended him when he was about entering his room and the wrapped object taken from him before he could hide them.

He was subsequently handed over to the police.

But the mob around the area set on fire the house the suspect was living in despite

the fact that he was a tenant.

Somorin confessed to newsmen at the State Police Headquarters, Elewera that he uses the skulls for preparation of charms for his clients and that he sometimes sell the skulls to some other persons including Afusat.

He confessed to have been involved for sometime.

But, Afusat denied buying any human head from Somorin but that he was always coming to her stall at Itoku to purchase things from her adding that she was never a dealer in human parts.

Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Olufemi Awoyale told newsmen that the suspect was undergoing interrogation.

## Robbers kill 80-yr cocoa farmer, cop, two others

By Gbenga Ariyibi

**EKITI**—AN eighty-year-old cocoa merchant, Pa Pius Adeosun and two others, including a police officer were killed on Wednesday night in Ado Ekiti when a gang of armed robbers struck at Oke Age area of the state capital.

Vanguard reliably gathered that the robbers acted on a tip-off that Pa Adeosun had come home with huge money the previous day which they erroneously thought was kept in his house.

The third casualty, Mr. Morakinyo Osunluyi, was a senior film production officer with the state Ministry of Information was said to have shown up and worked fully in his office on Wednesday before the unfortunate incident.

The robbers were said to have invaded the area at about 12.30 a.m and operated for about an hour, as they started raiding from house to house collecting money, hand sets and other valuables from the house hold.

Acting on a distress call, the police on patrol were said to have acted promptly to the scene of the incident, but the robbers apparently armed with superior weapons upon sighting policemen opened fire on them killing one whose names could not be ascertained as at the time of going to the press.

The lifeless bodies of the three dead persons are still kept at the mortuary of the state Specialist Hospital Ado Ekiti.

Confirming the incident, the state police commissioner, Mrs. Atinuke Koyi said about 50 suspects have been arrested in respect of the attack, adding that her men would get to the root of the incident.

On efforts of the state police command to arrest the situation, the police boss said her command is working with the community on the need to register members of the vigilante group in Ado Ekiti so that police could work with them as partners.

## EFCC arraigns pastor for fraud

By AbdulWahab Abdulah

**A**Pastor with Kingdom of Light Ministries, Idimu, Lagos, Micheal Spring Inyang was yesterday arraigned on a 164 count

pretence of making them millionaires through a club he established; Christian Million Club was said to have swindled his victims of about N2.6 million before the long hands of the law catches up