

# Ritualists kill toddler, remove genital, eyes, tongue

**K**ATSINA—SUSPECTED ritualists have killed a toddler, Adamu Imam, and removed his eyes, tongue and genital at Kofar Yandaka quarters in the Katsina metropolis.

The boy's father, Alhaji Sade Imam, said in Katsina that the incident occurred on Sunday.

He said that the child, aged one year and nine months, was kidnapped from his home.

Imam said that when the child could not be found, he reported the matter to the Central Police Station (CPS), Katsina.

Imam said he also reported to

the state radio and television stations, but the child could not be found until Tuesday.

He, however, said that the body of the child was found yesterday in a well in the neighbouring Kamitawa area.

Imam said that the body of the child was brought out through the effort of the state fire servicemen, and had since been buried.

'When the body of my child was brought out I could not recognise it because it was swollen. I only recognised the body because of his cloth.

On seeing the body, we realised

that the eyes, tongue and genital were gone," he said.

Imam recalled that two months ago, two of his daughters were kidnapped but were later found sleeping on the road in the New Layout area of the town.

Meanwhile, parents in the area have been preventing their children from going out of the house after 6 p.m.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Mr Adamu Yusuf, confirmed the report of the missing child, adding that the police were not aware of the discovery of the body.