



Traditional ruler, others arrested for alleged ritual murder

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THREE people including a traditional ruler have been arrested by the Kaduna state police command over alleged ritual murder.

The suspects who are from Kajuru local government of the state were said to have killed a seven year old boy with the aim of using some of the body parts to prepare charms that a juju man told them would prevent the traditional ruler from dying soon after ascending his throne.

Police sources told Saturday Vanguard that the traditional ruler who was new on the throne had met a certain herbalist to prepare charms that would enable him live longer because his predecessors had died soon after their coronation under mysterious circumstances. According to the sources, when the royal father met the juju man and narrated his fears, he (traditional ruler) was advised to procure some human parts with which he (herbalist) would prepare the talisman that would prevent him from sudden and unnatural death.

It was further said that on his return to the palace, the royal father approached one of his confidants and told him about his difficulties in procuring some human parts that would enable the medicine man prepare the charms for him.

The police sources said that the traditional ruler assured the said confidant that he would rescue him from any trouble if the deal burst before the man agreed to hunt for a victim.

"The man, having been assured of protection if he had any problem along the line, also sought the help of another man with whom he tricked the deceased into escorting them to the market to buy certain materials.