

# News

## Suspected ritualist beheads widow in Lagos community

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**L**AGOS —A WIDOW has been purportedly beheaded by suspected ritualist in Igborosun community, Mowo on the Badagry expressway, Lagos State.

The widow, simply identified as Iya Peter, who sold roasted corn, was allegedly mutilated by unidentified person in a nearby maize farm.

It was gathered that Iya Peter had earlier received a call from a supposedly maize farmer, who invited her to the maize farm ostensibly to purchase corn cobs, a common practice in the hinterland.

Vanguard learnt that Iya Peter got more than she bargained for, as her lifeless and headless body was later found on the farm route the next day.

According to eye witness, the last time people saw her alive was on that fateful morning when she left her home for the farm. When she did not return in the evening, her relations raised alarm.

The next day, a search party comprising the victim's relatives and some residents in the community discovered her corpse without the head on the road that leads to the farmlands in the area.

It was said that her private parts were also missing.

A relation of the victim, told Vanguard: "Only God knows what the innocent old woman had done to deserve this kind of death. She had been struggling to make ends meet since she lost her husband only for them to deceive and kill her."

A police source, who confirmed the incident at Mowo Police Division, said the latest incident adds to the several mutilated corpses found in the community in recent times.

Man plucks neighbor