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Ado-Ekiti—MEN of Ekiti State Police Command, yesterday, arrested three teenagers for allegedly killing a 13-year-old boy, Abubakar Abdullahi, and burying him secretly.

However, when police quizzed them, they claimed that one of the trees they felled killed him.

The alleged murder occurred in Ifaki-Ekiti in Ido/Osi Local Government Area of the state last Monday.

It was gathered that Abubakar had been following the suspects to the forest to fell trees, only for him to go missing on Monday, when the trio surfaced in the town without the boy, who hailed from Kogi State.



Nigerian Police

The three suspects were said to have claimed that Abubakar didn't accompany them on that day, forcing the deceased's parents to declare him missing.

A source said: "The three people deceived the parents of the deceased that they didn't see the boy, even when they had killed him for no reason. They reported the case at the police station and the police were searching everywhere for him without making headway.

"Later, police got the trio arrested and subjected them to torture, where they extracted information that the boy had been killed."

He said insinuation was rife in the town that the boy must have been killed for ritual purpose with suspicion that the boys might be surreptitiously engaging in Internet scam, popularly called Yahoo plus.

A source even revealed that some parts of the deceased were missing when his body was exhumed.

When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer of the Ekiti Command, Mr. Alberto Adeyemi, confirmed the incident. He, however, ruled out the possibility of ritual killing.

Adeyemi said: "We have arrested the three persons that took Abubakar to the farm. They are in our custody as we speak.

"What they told us was that he had been following the suspects to farm, where they fell trees. But on that day, one of the trees fell on the boy, killing him. But instead of reporting to the police, they buried him inside the bush.

"We will charge them to court as soon as possible. But let me also say that our men are still investigating the matter, so that we can get more facts and details about the incident."

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