

A herbalist sent me, says man caught with human head

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Ondo town in Asese area of Ogun State was, yesterday, thrown into confusion, when a man caught with a human head said a herbalist ordered for it.

The suspect, Babalola Alex, 25, was arrested while coming out from a bush at about 12 noon in the company of his accomplice, who is currently at large.



Police

Residents, who suspected his move, were said to have contacted the Police, who were on routine patrol around the area.

On sighting the policemen, his partner, identified simply as Ijebu, took to his heels, leaving Alex to his fate.

Spokesman for the Ogun State Police Command, Assistant Superintendent Abimbola Oyeyemi, who confirmed the arrest, stated that when accosted Alex claimed to have gone to ease himself in the bush.

He said: "His arrest followed an information from a member of the public, who called the attention of FSARS operative to two men with a sack coming out of a nearby bush.

The informant said he went into the bush to ease himself when he saw the two men hiding what looked like a human head in a sack.

According to Oyeyemi, “acting on the information, the policemen went after the two men and subsequently got one of them arrested, while the other one escaped.

“On searching the sack with the arrested one, it was discovered that it contained a human head.”

‘It’s meant for money ritual’

Upon interrogation before he was whisked away in the operatives’ van, Alex said: “We are merely errand boys. A herbalist sent us to get a human head for money ritual.”

The traditional ruler of Asese, Chief Kasumu Sonola, commended the F-SARS team for their quick response and routine patrol of the area.

He urged them to intensify the patrol in order to rid the area of criminals.

Meanwhile, the Commissioner of Police, Mr. Ahmed Iliyasu, has ordered a manhunt for the fleeing suspect and the arrest of the herbalist mentioned.