

Police arrest siblings over ritual killings in Osun

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O SOGBO—Police in Osun State, yesterday, confirmed the arrest of siblings, Tajudeen Monsuru and Tajudeen Lawal for allegedly running a ritual den in Iwo. Two mutilated corpses were recovered Monday night.

But the building where the suspects lived at Yemoja compound along Feesu Road in the town was set ablaze, yesterday morning by an angry mob.

A source in the area, Liadi Abass, disclosed that three mutilated bodies and human skulls were also recovered from the building when police operatives invaded it on Monday.

He said the police shielded the suspects from the anger of the mob,

saying the angry residents had insisted on burning them alive.

Explaining the circumstances that led to the arrest of the suspects, Police spokesperson in the state, Yemisi Opalola, said: "A woman, Mutiat Alani, was reported missing and a search party was launched. When the police commenced investigation into the matter, they saw the telephone of the woman in possession of one Tajudeen brothers. The two confessed to the crime. They claimed to kill humans for ritual."

Opalola said when the police invaded the house, two mutilated corpses were recovered.

"He (Monsuru) confessed that he killed many people but only two corpses were recovered."

But some residents early, yesterday, invaded the area and set about four houses on fire in protest of the action of the ritualists.