

# Suspected ritualist with human heart burnt to death in Lagos

● *Tunnel used by ritualists uncovered*

● *Another found with human skull arrested*

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**A**N irate mob set a suspected ritualist said to have been found with a human heart ablaze, in Orile area of Lagos, yesterday, while another suspected to be his partner was rescued by policemen.

The jungle justice took place after a tunnel suspected to be used by ritualists was uncovered, Tuesday, at School bus-stop in Orile area of Lagos.

Information at Vanguard's disposal revealed that a man, who was seen around the tunnel on Tuesday suddenly disappeared.

During a search for the missing man, the tunnel was discovered. Members of the Odua People's Congress, OPC, invited were said to have entered the tunnel only to discover some human parts and a lot of male and female clothings.

Just then, another man said to have been sighted climbing a constructed staircase into the tunnel was apprehended. He was alleged to have been found with a human skull.

A further search was conducted in the tunnel on Wednesday, with more human parts in their decomposing states recovered, according to residents.

Again, yesterday, residents said the tunnel was discovered to have one of its end linked to Mile 2. A man said to be coming from the Mile 2 end of the tunnel was apprehended and brought out, only for the irate mob to carry out jungle justice on him.

People from different parts of the state thronged the scene yesterday to catch a glimpse of the tunnel.

Contacted, the Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer, Olumiyiwa Adejobi, condemned the jungle justice carried out on the suspect.

Though he confirmed that some clothings were recovered inside the tunnel, he could not confirm the discovery of human parts from the suspected ritualist that was rescued by the Police.

Adejobi identified the suspect with the Police as Kayode Ojo, a 50-year-old man from Akoko, Ondo State, without a fixed address.

He said: "He was arrested at the scene and brought to us by 12.30 pm on Wednesday. They alleged he was a ritualist, as he was found with a human skull, though we didn't find any human parts on him.

"While interrogating him, a report reached us that another man found there was lynched and set ablaze. They claimed a human heart was also found on him."