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Suspected ritualists behead farmer in Imo

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OWERRI— Police operatives in Imo State are working round the clock to unravel those behind the beheading of a farmer, Isreal Ihenacho, around Orodo market in Mbaitoli Local Government Area of the state.

It was gathered that Ihenacho's lifeless body was discovered by those going to market, Wednesday, with some parts of the body allegedly removed by the suspected ritualists.

One of the villagers said: "Those who discovered the lifeless body were going to early morning market business.

"We are not happy that this kind of thing is happening in the community. We are just going to the market to sell some farm products, which we produced from our farms only for us to see a dead body without head and even the breast as we were told.

"We think some group of ritualists have entered our community and something must be done about it now. This is completely bad for this community."

Some parts of the body, which the eyewitness, said were cut off were his head, manhood, including left side of his breast.

"This man was also a palm wine tapper and we don't know why he was the target. This is wicked I must say," the eyewitness said.

However, the state Police Public Relations Officer, Orlando Ikeokwu, said the state Commissioner of Police, Nasiru Muhammed, had ordered investigation into the matter.

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