

Kidnappers kill 2 butchers, abduct one in Ondo

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AKURE—TWO butchers reportedly kidnapped in Ondo State have been killed. Their bodies were recovered by police detectives in the state.

The three butchers, it was gathered, were deceived by their assailants to come and buy cows at Ala forest.

One of the butchers, who escaped, Nasiru Jamiu, said they were lured into the bush where they killed two while he escaped by the whiskers.

"The Fulani people that used to sell cows to my boss called him to come and buy cows. Though he had been selling cows to him before, it has been long since they both transacted any business.

"We first went to the place on Saturday but the place was a long journey and my boss asked us to go back, that he did not feel like going again. The Fulani man kept disturbing him and convinced him that they would bring the cows to a nearby place.

"So, when he was called yesterday (Monday), they told us that some people would come and meet us at Ala town before we would proceed to where the cows were kept. On getting to Ala, they took us to where the cows were and they asked us to park our vehicles so that they could move the cows to the main road.

"They entered into the bush while four of us were waiting beside the vehicle. Surprisingly, they returned with guns and started shooting into the air. They kidnapped my boss and took him into the bush.

"Three of us left tried to run for our lives but I was macheted and fell and pretended to be dead. When I later realised that no one was there, I stood up and ran around the bush. It was only my boss I saw being kidnapped. I don't know the whereabouts of the two others till now."

Contacted, the police image maker, Funmi Odunlami, confirmed the killing of the butchers.

Odunlami said: "Two of the three butchers have been killed. Their bodies were found in Tafa camp within the Ala forest reserves by our men while searching and combing the bush after we were alerted about the abduction."

2 arrested over murder, beheading of 9-yr-old boy in Rivers

3 By Davies Iheanachor

PORT HARCOURT—OPERATIVES of the Rivers State Police Command have arrested two persons in connection with the murder of a nine-year-old boy in Isiokpo clan, Ikwerre Local Government Area of Rivers State.

Public Relations Officer of the state police command, Nnamdi Omoni, said the police arrested two suspects, Chibuzor Amadi and Kenneth Sylvanus, for allegedly killing

LASEMA, Dr. Olukeni Oke-Osanyintolu, who addressed journalists at the scene put the causality figure at five, including an infant.

He said the agency's Response Team, Eagle Squad at Cappa had been deployed.

Farinloye who also addressed journalists at the scene corroborated Oke-Osanyintolu's position.

Meanwhile, Deputy Head of the state Fire Service, Olajide Ogabi, who was at the scene of the incident, said the explosion affected neighbouring buildings and shops.

Meanwhile, Lagos State Commissioner of Police, Mr Hakeem Odumosu, who also visited the scene of the incident, described it as unfortunate and avoidable, assuming all safety rules had been adhered to.

and severing the head of one Destiny Peter in the area.

However, Omoni noted that the incident happened on November 12, 2021, revealing that the victim was lured by the suspects to a bush, where he was beheaded and his intestine removed.

Omoni said the matter had been transferred to the State Criminal Investigation Department for further investigation.

He said the remains of Destiny had been deposited in the mortuary, promising that justice would be served in the matter.