

Ritualists on rampage in Ogoja, kill 10 girls in one month

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OGOJA—SUSPECTED ritualists have invaded the northern Cross River State town of Ogoja, killing no fewer than 10 girls within a month.

Fear stricken residents of the area have blamed the invasion of ritualists on Yahoo boys.

Some others are attributing the killings to ongoing process for the election of a House Representatives member for the constituency.

In the past three weeks, bodies of young girls with their private parts

removed and tongues cut off have reportedly been found along the Monaya Hospital road in the outskirts of the town while some bodies were recovered floating on the Monaya River.

"On Monday, a girl was spotted on a motorcycle and the way she was sitting with her head resting on the back of the Okada rider, people suspected that something was wrong and went after the Okada man who was riding very fast. They managed to stop him and while trying to find out what was wrong with the girl, who was obviously hypnotised, the Okada man sped off," Mgbeje, a resident of the town told

Vanguard.

According to him, within the period, two girls, who allegedly entered into N400,000 deal with unidentified male lodger in one of the hotels in the area for him to suck their breasts ended up dead after their breasts allegedly grew very large and painful.

Another resident, Martina Oko, said commercial motor cycle operators have been banned at night in the area because the suspected ritualists operate mostly at night.

She said: "We do not know if these ritualists are killing girls because of the election or to make yahoo money but the girls that have fallen victims are

many. It is the police that often remove the bodies of these girls where they were dumped but they have not been able to arrest the killers. This is quite worrisome because these killings have been going on for weeks." Ms Irene Ugbo, the Cross River Police Command spokesperson said the police were on their toes trying to track down perpetrators of the killings.

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