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Police in the northern province of Nampula have discovered the body of an albino in the northern port city of Nacala after weeks of fruitless search, the local media reported on Friday. According to private daily newspaper, O Pais, the body was found in an abandoned house in the Nacala neighbourhood of Mocone.

It was in an advanced state of decomposition, with some body parts missing.

The killing and disappearance of albinos is rife in the region and police suspect that witchcrafts are behind the move.

The victim was identified as 22-year old Avelino Rumualdo whose mutilated body was left in the Mocone house.

It was only discovered when a young man, who wanted to rent the house, visited it and was hit by the stench from the decomposing corpse.

Rumualdo had gone missing in another part of the city three weeks ago.

Nacala residents interviewed by O Pais wondered how it was that the owner of the house where the body was dumped knew nothing about it.

The association Amor a Vida or Love for Life, which defends the rights of albinos, protested that the police was taking little or no action to protect albinos who are under constant threat in the country.

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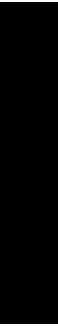
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