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Abduction of Physically Challenged Persons Increases In Ilorin

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KWARANS are beginning to be worried over the rise in the cases of kidnapping of hunchbacks and albinos in some parts of the state.

But the Kwara state Police command spokesman Deputy Superintendent Olufemi Fabode denied any knowledge of the incident, saying no one has lodged complaints of such at the command.

The situation is scarier especially to the hunchbacks and the albinos as they now walk with caution for the fears of being kidnapped.

While the victims of kidnapping in some parts of the country re-gain their freedom after the payment of ransom, the victims in Kwara are not found again, thus leaving their relatives in a state of misery.

Sources told The Guardian in Ilorin the state capital that a popular male hunchback at Oke Andi area who was declared missing some weeks ago is yet to be found.

Similarly, an albino lady resident around Saw Mill area Ilorin is missing, according to her relatives. The story is the same for another female albino at Okuta, a border town at Baruten Local Government Area (LGA) of the state. The victim was found dead with some of her body organs missing.

An official of the state Herbal Practitioner Association who requested to be anonymous said both the hunchbacks and the albinos are considered potent ingredients for moneymaking ritual. He however distanced any of his members from "the wicked attitude to riches by the agents of Satan."

Already, religious leaders in the state have sharply criticised the development warning those behind it to refrain or face God's punishment.

The Secretary of the state chapter of Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN), Rev Cornelius Fawenu urged those behind the evil machinations to fear God and avoid divine punishment.

In the same vein, the Chief Immam of Ilorin, Alhaji Mohammed Bashir, said those behind the "satanic attitudes" should change or face the wrath of God.

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