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Body of albino woman exhumed

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UNKNOWN people have allegedly exhumed the body of an albino woman in Biharamulo district, Kagera region and made away with her body parts.

Kagera Regional Police Commander (RPC), Mr Henry Salewi told the 'Sunday News' that the incident happened on June 10, this year, at around 2:00 a.m at Nyakasenye village, in Runazi Ward, Biharamulo district.

"The woman was known as Lightness Laurian (29) who died in February, this year, at Runazi Ward. They escaped with both her legs and arms leaving other limbs on the graveyard.

Pupils attending a nearby school spotted the remains and alerted the village leadership who informed the police. We are still looking for the suspects but there are no arrests so far," he said.

According to RPC Salewi, the incident was linked to witchcraft beliefs. He said this was the second such incident to happen in Kagera region this year.

On February 3, police arrested two people who were allegedly looking for a customer of albino body parts.

He said the suspects were arrested in Ngara district with human body parts. The arrest was made after police were tipped off.

Kagera Regional Crime Officer (RCO) Superintendent Peter Matage, led a team of detectives to arrest the suspects. The team pretended to be in need of human body parts and arranged for a meeting with the 'sellers' at Kidende Guest House in Ngara.

Mr Salewi named the suspects who were helping the police investigations as Jacob Philip (35) from Muruvyagira village in Mugoma Ward and Bihagara Malu (54) a resident of Kabanga village in Ngara.

According to Mr Salewi, the suspects were offering the human body parts at a price of 600,000/-. He said initial investigations established that there was a criminal network involving suspects in Tanzania and neighbouring Burundi.

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