

In urban centres, including the nation's economic capital Lagos, corpses are often found by the roadside with some of their vital parts missing, especially eyes and genitals.

The Ibadan-based Sunday Tribune, Nigeria's oldest private newspaper, showed gruesome pictures of rotting bodies, human skulls and other body parts littering the scene, as well as ID papers and ATM cards, shoes, bags and clothes.

It also published a photograph of a haggard woman who was allegedly kidnapped in the southern Edo state in 2008 and rescued at what it called the 'House of Horror'.

The newspaper said at least one skeletal-looking man was found in the throes of death, groaning in pain as flies hovered around his face.

Media reports said 15 or more people had been found in leg-chains inside the building but police put the figure at seven.

Some mobile phone numbers were also written on the inside wall of the building, the Tribune said in its report headlined 'Kidnappers' den uncovered in Ibadan'.

Some other local newspapers carried similar reports about the discovery.

The Nation reported that bodies had been dumped in shallow graves and dried-up wells all over the bush.

Ilobanafor said some commercial motorcycle riders had stumbled upon the bodies after complaining to police that some of their members had gone missing in suspicious circumstances.

The police have arrested six suspects, including five security guards allegedly armed with guns, bows and arrows, found at the scene, the police spokeswoman said.

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Body of woman dumped by suspected ritualists found in Ibadan

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THE body of a woman allegedly dumped by suspected ritualists was on Monday found in Ibadan.

The corpse, which was dumped on the MKO Abiola way, Ibadan, had series of bruises and had its head shattered Nigerian Tribune gathered might have been dumped by suspected ritualists as there was no clothes on it.

Although, there were speculations that the woman might have been knocked down by a hit-and-run vehicle, most of the onlookers at the scene where the corpse was found believed it was a ritual killing.

One of them who spoke with the Nigerian Tribune on the condition of anonymity was of the opinion that: "I do not want to believe this woman was knocked down by a vehicle. Or how can someone be hit by a vehicle and have all her clothes and underwears removed?. Seriously, I suspect this young lady was dumped here".

The corpse was taken to an undisclosed destination by police officers, just as none of them was willing to speak with the Nigerian Tribune.

Meanwhile, when contacted to confirm the incident, the state police public relations officer, Supritendent Olabisi Ilobanefor, said: "I will find out and call you back".

But as of the time of filing this report, there was no call from her and when her line was called around 7:49pm on Monday, someone else picked her phone and informed the Nigerian Tribune that:"She is still in a meeting".