

Indian don found dead in Benin

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very long trek on Tuesday night.

His body was found yesterday morning laying face down beside the Benin Golf Club with a minor bruise in

his right elbow.

Rai is suspected to have trekked all the way from Ugbowo campus of the university after a heavy down-pour on Tuesday, which kept commercial vehicles off the roads.

When *The Guardian* visited the scene of the incident yesterday morning, the police attached to Aideyan Station and officials of the University were about to remove his corpse.

Confirming the incident

later, the university's spokesperson, Osaze Osarenren, said an autopsy was being carried out on the man and ruled out possibility of him being shot.

He added: "There was no bullet wound and no evidence of strangulation yet but we are waiting for the result of the autopsy".

The Guardian gathered that the university authority was already making attempts to link up with the Indian community in the state.

A SENIOR lecturer in the Department of Petroleum Engineering, University of Benin (UNIBEN), Dr. Balvant Rai, an Indian, was yesterday morning found dead some few metres from his house, along the Government Reservation Area (GRA) road in Benin City.

Rai, who is said to have been in Nigeria for over 30 years is alleged to have died of exhaustion possibly after a