

Dead Bodies On Maiduguri Streets Worry Police, Residents

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Residents of Maiduguri, the Borno State capital, have expressed concern over dumping of dead bodies at various locations in the metropolis by unknown persons, even as the authorities are at loss as to what led to people dying on the streets.

The Borno State Police Command confirmed that it has been receiving reports of dead bodies dumped in many parts of the state capital, stressing that hardly could a week pass without receiving such reports by the various police formations across the state.

This has exacerbated fears and anxieties among the residents, while such fears are already finding their way to the entire state, especially as more

terrifying reports of missing persons have continued to take a dreadful dimension in the state.

According to information made available to Daily Independent at the Police Headquarters, Maiduguri, over 45 cases of missing persons had so far been reported this year alone. This of course has raised tension amongst parents and guardians who have to monitor the movement of their children to and from schools.

Just on Monday August 20, the residents of Kululuri and Ngomari wards of Maiduguri were treated to yet another homicidal thriller when two bodies of men in their mid-30s were found in the respective locations of

their abodes. Police reports from the two divisional areas confirmed the development and labelled the incident as 'sudden and unnatural death' (SUD).

One of the police reports from GRA Police Division, Maiduguri, stated that one Alhaji Modu Bulalma Mairi of Kuluri ward reported to the station on August 19, 2007, the discovery of an unidentified body found near the river banks of Gadabul. Another report from Ngomari Police Division also stated that the body of one Ahmad Ibrahim, 37, of Bulumkutu Kasuwa area was found dumped in a gutter, with blood oozing from his nose and ears.

Even though the families of the two dead persons

have identified and taken them for burial, it was not yet confirmed who could have been responsible for the death of the duo, as none of the family members could be contacted to give any useful information as to what could have led to their death or whether they were in any kind of danger.

The Police Public Relations Officer, ASP Sani, who confirmed the two cases as well as the other reported cases of missing persons, said though some of the missing persons were later found, more cases are yet to be ascertained whether they have been found or not. "And this is because those that have gotten back their missing relations never feed the police back," he explained.