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## RITUAL KILLERS: Woman's Dead Body Dumped By Roadside In Ilorin

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The lifeless body of an unidentified middle-aged woman was found by the roadside along Eyenkorin road, a suburb of Ilorin on Monday.

There was suspicion that the deceased might have been dumped at the spot by suspected ritualists.

It was gathered that the corpse which was found with a noose on her neck and one leg cut-off created the suspicion that she might be a victim of ritual killers.

As at Monday's evening, the corpse was still by the roadside facing down with one leg cut-off and all parts of the body mutilated.

A taxi-cab driver, who craved anonymity, told our correspondent that the corpse might have been dumped in the dead of the night or in the early hours of Monday by suspected ritual killers to avoid being identified by passers-by.

"That area (Eyenkorin) is posing a serious security threat these days. I want to believe that the corpse was dumped either on Sunday night or in the early hours of Monday. The area is my usual route. When I plied the area in the morning of Monday, I saw the body there and everybody started saying that this might be the handiwork of ritualists.

"We have to call our security agencies to be up and doing and bring to book, those perpetuating this heinous crime in our society", the taxi-cab driver said.

However, another respondent around the area noted that the victim might have been crushed by a hit-and-run driver, just as he urged the concerned authority to evacuate the lifeless body on time before the area is polluted with stench that might be oozing from the decomposing body.

The spokesman of the state police command, Mr Ajayi Okasanmi, who confirmed that the corpse was laying by the roadside, however, denied that the victim was killed by the ritualists.