

FCT police debunk claims of ritual killing of Abuja lady

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THE Federal Capital Territory Police Command has come out to debunk claims in the media and on social media in particular, that a lady's lifeless body was seen under the popular AYA Bridge in Abuja, with her vital body parts missing, which created the impression of organ harvesting for ritual purposes.

Ukan Kurugh, a social media influencer, sent a message which went viral, stating that "A young woman's corpse is right now seen at the AYA bridge, Abuja with her vital body parts missing since 5 am. I am also informed that cars who did not see it on time have run over the body smashing her body parts into pieces on the road. The attention of the concerned authorities is needed here asap."

While *Sunday Tribune* sought clarification on the matter, the FCT Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Josephine Adeh, quoted the FCT Police Commissioner, Babaji Sunday as saying: "Contrary to the erroneous news in circulation, preliminary investigation reveals that the discovered lifeless body on the AYA bridge is not that of 'a female with some vital organs harvested' but that of one John Daam a male staff of V.R Drilling Limited of 5th Avenue, Gwarinpa Abuja.

"He resided at Orange market Mararaba, Nasarawa State and had left his residence for work on his Bajaj motorcycle when he was unfortunately involved in a fatal hit and run motorcycle accident leaving his lifeless body with severe bodily injuries. No vital organ, however, was harvested.

"Operatives of the Asokoro division upon receipt of the information as relayed by the Command Control Room from a Good Samaritan, visited the scene, removed the body to the hospital where he was confirmed dead and subsequently deposited at the Asokoro mortuary.

"The investigation has been intensified to apprehend the fleeing suspect, while contact has been established with the family of the deceased."

not given the ticket to contest; now he got the ticket but we are not witnessing half of his past commitment.

"Insecurity for instance is the most bedevilling scourge to a traumatizing state in the North and more particularly in Zamfara," he added.