

Headless body found at prayer centre

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A yet-to-be identified man has been beheaded at Amese community in Akure, the Ondo State capital beside a mountain where some people pray and worship.

A source told our correspondent on Thursday that the worshippers, who went to pray at the mountain on Wednesday, found the headless body of the man at the base of the mountain.

It was gathered that this prevented the worshippers from holding their usual prayer session as they quickly went to the police station to report the matter.

The source said the police allegedly detained those who went to report the matter before sending a team to the area to remove the corpse.

A resident, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said, "After the matter had been reported at the Ijapo Police Station, the policemen combed the entire area, arresting residents indiscriminately. Those that went to report at the police station were also detained by the police. The police said the arrest of the

people was part of their investigation."

The residents also alleged that the policemen left the community where the incident happened and went to nearby communities to make arrest, disclosing that as a result of this, many residents of the area had fled their homes.

Another source explained that the deceased must have been killed somewhere else and dumped in the area.

When contacted the Police Public Relations Officer of the state command, Mr. Femi Joseph, confirmed the incident.

He, however, denied that the police arrested the residents indiscriminately, noting that investigation had started on the matter.

The PPRO said, "The police did not arrest anybody. When we got information about the incident, we sent our men there to remove the body and also invited some of the residents to ask a few questions from them. We did not arrest or detain anybody."