

# Decomposing corpse of man found in Lagos bush

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Lagos State Commissioner of Police, Hakeem Odumosu

Officials of the Lagos State Ministry of Health have recovered the decomposing remains of a yet-to-be-identified man from a bush in Odogunyan, in the Ikorodu area of the state.

*PUNCH Metro* gathered that the corpse was discovered when residents of the Oguntade Oloja community in Odogunyan started perceiving a stench emanating from the bamboo bush in the community.

In a bid to ascertain the cause of the odour, the residents were said to have combed the bush and saw the lifeless body of the man on the ground.

A source said efforts to salvage the situation prompted the Chairman, Oguntade Oloja Community Development Association, Gbolahan Kolawole, to report the incident to the police.

The source said, "It was the community members, led by the CDA chairman, that reported to the police that a decomposing corpse was found in the bush on August 14, 2021.

"But the police could not remove the corpse because of health reasons. So, the police alerted the health workers from the Lagos State Ministry of Health and their officials visited the community to remove the body.

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"Since the corpse was already decomposing, it means it has been awhile since it was there and there has been no means of identification or address to locate the family members of the deceased person. We suspect that the man was killed and his corpse dumped in the bush."

The state Police Public Relations Officer, CSP Adekunle Ajisebutu, confirmed the incident.

He said, "The state Commissioner of Police, Hakeem Odumosu, has directed a discreet investigation to be carried out in respect of the case. As investigation is ongoing, we enjoin anyone with useful information about the identity and circumstances surrounding the death of the man to give it to the police for necessary action."

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