

# Ritual killing: Oyo police remove three mutilated corpses

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THE Oyo State Police Command on Tuesday removed the three mutilated bodies of youths who were murdered by yet-to-be-identified persons in Ibadan, the state capital.

*PUNCH Metro* learnt that the victims were killed in the early hours of Monday around Office Bus Stop, after World Oil Petrol Station, New Ibadan-Oyo Expressway, in the Akinyele Local Government Area of the state.

One of them was beheaded, while vital organs were harvested from the remaining two bodies.

When contacted on the phone on Tuesday, the state Police Public Relations Officer, Adewale Osifeso,

said the removal of the bodies was in public interest.

Osifeso said, "Yes, the corpses were removed this morning (Tuesday). It was done in public interest, public safety and to prevent the spread of epidemic. Investigation has already commenced and update will be provided accordingly."

Checks by our correspondent revealed that unpleasant odour had taken over the scene before the arrival of the policemen who took the bodies away.

A commercial driver, Abdulfatai AbdulGaniyu, said, "I saw the lifeless bodies in the morning when I was carrying passengers from Ojoo to Toose. The case looks like ritual killing because one of them was beheaded."