

Lagos community worries over dumped corpse

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Abule Egba area

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The body of a yet-to-be-identified man has been found at the Abule Egba end of the Lagos-Abeokuta Expressway, Lagos State.

Residents, who spoke to *PUNCH Metro* during a visit to the community on Sunday, claimed that the victim was killed.

They explained that the assailants abandoned the corpse on the road for speeding vehicles to crush.

A member of the Lagos State Parks and Garages Management, Muftau Olaosebikan, said he saw the corpse around 8am on Sunday.

He said, “When I arrived at our park at Abule Egba, I saw people pointing to a corpse on the road. On getting close to it, I saw that the corpse was covered with a brown cloth but after looking at it closely, it seemed to be headless. So, I suspected that the victim was beheaded before being dumped on the highway.”

A trader, Toriola Banjo, said, “I saw a crowd looking at the expressway and when I went closer, the smell of blood was thick in the air. I later saw that it was a human body.

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“Maybe the people who dropped the body here wanted cars to climb over it so that it would not be recognisable. The body was wrapped in a brown material.”

A commuter, Aramide Odusanya, insisted that it was not a hit-and-run incident.

“If it were to be an accident, the body would not be positioned that way,” he added.

Our correspondent gathered that government workers around 11am took the body from the road.

The Permanent Secretary of the Lagos State Emergency Management Agency, Dr Oluwafemi Oke-Osanyintolu, could not be reached for comment on the incident.

The General Manager of the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority, Bolaji Oreagba, said LASTMA was not aware of the corpse.