

Motorists raise concerns over corpses on Lagos-Ibadan highway

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Some motorists along the Mowe-Ibafo area have expressed concerns over the rising cases of corpses being dumped along the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway.

The motorists who spoke with *PUNCH Metro* on Wednesday expressed fear of disease outbreak and the security threat that such recurring issue may pose to them.

Our correspondent who visited the Mountain Top University axis of the road observed that there was a corpse with burnt scars wrapped in a blue fabric and tied with rope dumped along the roadside.

It was also gathered that there was another corpse dumped opposite the university on Tuesday while there was a similar case recently.

A motorist who spoke with our correspondent on condition of anonymity for fear of being interrogated by the police urged security agents to beam their searchlight on the area.

“I think the corpse was dumped overnight but I cannot ascertain it because it was the odour oozing from that axis that attracted attention to it. It means that this place is not safe, especially at night,” he said.

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Another motorist who identified himself simply as Rasheed, noted that the decomposing corpse posed a threat to road users if not evacuated quickly.

“The odour coming from the dead body is not good at all and it can cause health issues if not urgently taken away,” he said.

When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer, Ogun State Command, Omolola Odutola, advised residents to always report such incidents to the Divisional Police Officer in their area while noting that she had informed the nearest police point for necessary action.

“When they observe such a situation, they should report to the nearest police station. The police cannot act when they are not informed, so people should endeavour to always inform their DPO of such issues. The problem is that most times we may not be aware of a missing person unless their family comes to report such,” she said.

When contacted for possible action on evacuating the body, the Chairman, Obafemi-Owode Local Government Area, Lanre Ogunsola, asked our correspondent to send a message but he had yet to respond to the message as of the time of filing this report.