

# Controversy trails identity of corpse found in Rivers

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**P**ORT HARCOURT — CONTROVERSY has continued to trail the nationality of a corpse recovered last week at a river bounding Ogogboro community in Rivers State.

The Rivers State Police Command, yesterday, denied media reports that the corpse was that of an expatriate. The Commissioner of Police Mr. Felix Ogbaudu who spoke to the *Vanguard* on phone said it was rather a decomposed remains of a

black man.

Saying he was ready to parade the corpse, which according to him is currently at the state owned Braithwait Memorial Hospital, before newsmen and doubting thomases the Commissioner described the decease as huge and fair in complexion.

He said following media reports, an expatriate staff of Hydro Dive where David Worth who is presently in the custody of some militants work, was at the morgue to inspect the corpse.

And at the end he said it was not he. The Commissioner said no local had come forward for the corpse.

It would be recalled that the Commissioner had told newsmen then that because of the decomposed nature of the corpse it was difficult to identify the nationality.

He had said the only record of a missing expatriate with the police was one David Worth, a staff of Hydro Dive, who was kidnapped along NTA road in the state capital last month.