

● We have mandate to close it, waiting for police report - TCU

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LEGAL experts have expressed dismay over the fact that there is no law to charge implicated persons in the controversial disposal of human remains incident that occurred on Monday at Mbweni Mpiji in Dar es Salaam.

The disclosure comes as the government and Tanzania Commission for Universities (TCU) are reported to be forming separate teams to investigate the incident that has appalled many and received widespread condemnation by the public.

Meanwhile, police are holding eight workers of the International Medical and Technological

University (IMTU) in connection with the incident.

Speaking over a telephone interview with The Guardian, a researcher with the Legal and Human Rights organisation, Mlowe Pasiencia said, in Tanzania, there is a major legal gap when it comes to laws governing the preservation and disposal of human remains.

He said although the police are holding the suspects, there is no law to charge them.

“It is difficult to charge them under chapter 16 of the Criminal Procedure Act.

“However, they may be charged under the Civil Procedure Code for negligence which resulted into the breach of peace,” he explained adding that they may

also be brought to charge under the laws governing the establishment of public and private universities which he said cover such issues.

Commenting, the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare through its Spokesperson Nsachris Mwamwaja said although there are no specific

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