

Police hold 8 IMTU workers over human organs disposal

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POLICE in Dar es Salaam are holding eight workers of the International Medical and Technological University (IMTU) in connection with the disposal of human organs at Mbwani Mpiji on the outskirts of the city on Monday.

Dar es Salaam Special Zone Police Commander Suleiman Kova told reporters yesterday that the police found at least 85 plastic bags

with the body parts, including human heads, legs, hands, chests, hearts and lungs dumped at the area.

Commander Kova said that preliminary investigations have shown that the consignment of the human organs was probably dumped by IMTU because the arrested staff has admitted it.

He said that the body parts seem to have been preserved for a long time as they were not producing any smell.

He noted that the police in collaboration with experts from the Muhimbili National Hospital are working out to

establish more details about the organs, why the hospital decided to dump them instead of using scientific methods to preserve or destroy the parts.

The Commander said he has formed a probe team to investigate how IMTU got the organs as well as find out the laws governing the preservation of human parts, especially after the medical practitioners are done with research so that they can take legal measures against the suspects.

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school, there is a possibility that the body parts were used by students for practicals, but we want to establish why they decided to dump them after use instead of employing scientific ways to preserve or destroy them as is normally the case," he said.

"The government Chief Chemist is also included in the probe team to identify how long the parts have been preserved and which chemicals were used," Commander Kova added.

He however dismissed rumors in connection with the body parts that they were from the Muhimbili

National Hospital (MNH), urging that the parts were from IMTU and they were preserved at the MNH since there is a good preservation system and experts of human body parts.

The experts will also be working with police during the investigation, he said. He further assured wananchi

that the state of security in the city is good and that there is no point for them to fear.

He also dispelled rumours that the body parts did not result from any massive killing of people.

On Monday evening thousands of Bunju residents in the city were shocked

with the reports of the human parts found in the vicinity.

Contacted to comment on how the human organs could be destroyed, Prof of Medicine David Mwakyusa said normally the process involves scientific procedures which are common globally. Doubting

whether the dumped body parts were used for practical by students he said if they were used for that purpose they would have been found incomplete as they are used for almost one year.

He advised that the matter be left to the police so that they can find out the truth behind the body parts.