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# Landlord burnt to death

...As shipworker, plumber die

A landlord, Mr Akeen Olatunde in Ikeja Lagos was allegedly burnt to death in an early morning fire last week while attempting to put off the fire that engulfed his residential house.

This is even as a Philipino shipworker, Mr Torre Ariel Tenco and a Nigerian plumber, Mallam Atehim Ishola, aka A-One died separately in Lagos while carrying out

minor repairs in their respective works.

While Tenco later died on this way to hospital as a result of injuries he sustained while repairing the wind glass of the vessel, his Nigerian counterpart, fell into a pit while working.

Daily Champion gathered that tragedies struck when Tenco who was also a crew member of the ship was contacted to repair the cracked

wind screen for clearer vision while the ship was on motion. The middle aged man was said to have bruised his head and hand while attempting to repair the damaged windscreen at the high sea.

According to our source, the Pilipino sustained injury in his head and hand and

died later on his way to the hospital.

Similarly, Ishola, who was allegedly hired by one Omotosho Gabriel in Mafoluku Oshodi, drowned while working inside a local pit (Well).

A police source at Mafoluku police station said the plumber was working beside a soakaway when he slipped and fell into it.

He said the police have begun investigation into the matter to unravel the actual cause of deaths. He noted that preliminary investigation has ruled out conspiracy.

On the fire inferno, Olatunde was allegedly burnt to death when he attempted to put off the fire that engulfed his house.

A police source at man centre police station, Ikeja said the cause of the fire as well as property destroyed could not be ascertained as at press time, noting that police have begun investigation into the matter. Other occupants of the house ran out to save their lives while Akeem battled to save the situation, paying dearly with his life.

Police spokesman, Mr Olubode Ojajuni confirmed the incidents, noting that thorough investigation into the cases have commenced.

He said there was fire outbreak at no 14 Olumide Street, WEMABOD estate, off Adeniyi Jones, Ikeja at about 6 in the morning.

## Security tips

BEFORE employing housemaids, security guards, drivers or gardeners, ensure that full records of the person are obtained including his name, tribe, town, present address, sponsor and present full face photograph.

Warn house helps and children left in the house in your absence not to admit any unfamiliar persons into the house, they could be thieves studying the position of things in the premises.

Persons who call in the guise of salesmen, meter readers, plumbers, electricians and the like must show identity cards and children should be warn not to allow such persons in without your authority.

Beware of gorgeously dressed young men with heavy brief cases as they could be armed robbers hiding their weapons therein.

Observe and report immediately the presence of any strange face or vehicle in your street particularly suspicious cars waiting nearby to pick unknown persons lurking in the neighbourhoods.

Don't use your car as 'Kabu-kabu'. you are likely to loose it to armed robbers as other have done in the last few months.

Never leave the ignition key and valuables in your car. You could be inviting thieves; installation of extra security gadgets will improve the security of your car.

All necessary information about suspicious movements of people should be passed to the Divisional Police Officer of the nearest police station, or the Assistant Commissioner in charge of the Area or better still to the Commissioner of Police, Lagos State for immediate action. The officers will guarantee the confidentiality of your information.

Help the police to help you and let us join hands to rid our society of crime. It is our collective responsibility.

Report suspicious movement within your vicinity to the police never you confront criminals as your life is very important. Call the police on the following distress numbers: R.R.S. 775715, 08023127351-6, Police Control Room Emergency/Distress Call Tel. Nos. 199, 997, 470381, 4720387, 472388, 4720389, 470390.

## Missing persons

ONE Juliana Tairu 'f' aged 18 yrs, about 5' tall, light in complexion, speaks Igala and English languages fluently. If seen contact One Mr. Kinanee Jacob 'm' of Block C Flat 3 Alausa Police Barracks Alausa Ikeja or Alausa Police Station.

One Olushola Ogunlana 'm' aged 16yrs, light in complexion, about 4ft tall, speaks Yoruba and Awori Language fluently. If seen contact One Mushibau Ogunlana 'm' of No. 15, Akinlabi Street, Magbon Orile Agege or Isokoko Police Station.

One Chinyere Okororie 'f' aged 20yrs, about 5.5ft tall, dark in complexion, speaks Igbo and English Languages fluently. If seen contact one Chijoke Agonomo 'm' of No. 33, Aladelola Street, Ketu Lagos or Ketu Police Station.

One Omobola Samuel 'f', aged 52 years, about 6.72ft tall, fair in complexion, speaks Yoruba and English Language fluently. If seen contact one Rotimi Samuel 'mi' of No. 1, Aworinde Close igbade Ojo Lagos or Ilemba-Hausa Police Station.

One Saheed Busiaminu 'm' aged 27 years, about 5ft tall, black in complexion, speaks Yoruba and English languages fluently. If seen contact one Balogun Buziaminu 'm' of No.3, Dairo street Maidan Mile 12 Ketu or Ketu Police Station.

## Stolen vehicles

ONE Volks Wage Faragon bus with Reg. No. XL 546 KRD, Color Green/White. If seen contact one Segun Titilayo 'm' of No. 75, Broad Street Lagos or Lion Building Police station.

One Volkswagen Passat with Reg. No. 432 ABJ, Colour Ash. If seen contact the nearest Police Station.

One Riodeo Golf S/Car with Reg. No. BQ 43 FKJ, Colour Black. I seen contact One grace Ukpetu 'f' of No.3, Modina Adeyemi Street, Agbada Lagos or Iju Police Station.

## Recovered ones

THE Lagos Police Command recovered a total of 6 vehicles from December, 18-19 2006, suspected to have been stolen from different locations in the state and the vehicles can be located at the Station mentioned against each of the recovered vehicles as follows:-

S/NO.	NAMES OF VEHICLE	REG. NO.	COLOUR	LOCATION
1.	V/WAGEN FARAGON BUS	XJ 256 LSD	LSCC	IJORA BADIA DIV.
2.	NISSAN SUNNY S/CAR	BF 664 LRD	RED	L/BUILDING DIV.
3.	PEUGEOT 505 S/CAR	AH 197 JGB	BLUE	IKORODU DIV.
4.	NISSAN PRIMERA S/CAR	CF 341 MUS	ASH	IDIMU DIV.
5.	TOYOTA HIACE BUS	DM 457 LSR	METALIC	DENTON DIV.
6.	HONDA CIVIC S/CAR	DS 461 LND	M/RED	ITIRE DIV.
7.	TOYOTA COROLLA S/CAR	AT 167 BDG	D/BLUE	OGBA DIV.
8.	SAAB S/CAR	CH 260 APP	M/ASH	SURULERE DIV.
9.	GRAND CHEROKEE JEEP	CB 421 KTU	M/BLUE	SABO DIV.
10.	JAGUAR S/CAR	DH 994 KJA	WINE	ALAPERE DIV.

As usual, members of the public who have claims to the recovered vehicles should check at the Police Station mentioned against each of the recovered vehicles with original documents.

Claimants should endeavour to check the engine numbers as the original registration numbers may have been tampered with, please.

## NDLEA to confiscate Indian hemp farm, land

...Burns 31.8kg

THE national Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NGLEA) has warned that henceforth, it will confiscate both farms and lands used to cultivate Marijuana, popularly known as Indian hemp.

Chairman of the agency, Ahmadu Giade disclosed this to Daily Champion in Benin, Edo State capital, while presiding over the public destruction of 31,813 kilogram (32) tons of Marijuana allegedly seized by Edo State command of the agency.

The chairman noted that some land owners have leased out their lands and did not bother to find out what the leasors used the land for, adding that the land owners were only concerned in the money they collect.

The NDLEA boss warned land owners to monitor their tenants on their lands or risk forfeiture of such lands to government.

He stated that the land owners, would also be charged along with the tenants for conspiracy, aiding and abetting the use of their lands to grow marijuana.

Speaking on his moves to curb drug trafficking, Giade said a total of 3661.109 and 670 kilograms of marijuans have been destroyed in River and Bayelsa states.

Urging the staff of the agency rededicate themselves for greater challenges, the drug boss said the agency would use the instrumentality of courts to make land owners forfeit their lands to the government.

"The agency, through the instrument of the Federal High Courts as it



•31.813kg of seized Indian hemp by Edo State command in flames

is the practice presently with moveable properties confiscate the land, we have fought very fiercely

on every front in the last one year of his stay at the helm of affairs in the agency".

## Violent crime on the rise across UK

VIOLENT crime is rising across Greater Manchester, according to new police statistics.

Quarterly figures from July 2006 to September 2006, compared to the same period last year, show an 8.3 per cent increase in violent crime.

This is despite an overall drop of 11.5 per cent in all crime over the last five years, with 43,484 fewer crimes being committed this year.

The quarterly figures also show a 12.6 per cent increase in robberies with 220 more robberies committed, a 19.7 per cent increase in theft from motor vehicles with 1,588 more offences committed and an overall 1.6 per cent increase in crime with 1,251 more crimes committed.

Assistant chief constable Ian Seabridge said: "Over the last five years, Greater Manchester Police and its partners have been steadily

cutting crime, with an overall 11.5 per cent decrease.

"In the second quarter of last year, July 2006 to September 2006, burglary and theft of motor vehicle has continued to decrease. However, during this period there has been an increase in some crimes in Greater Manchester."

He added: "Greater Manchester is a complex area to police with a large transient population and crime such as robbery and burglary are a challenge for us.

"I can assure people that we are doing everything we can to drive them down."

He added that vehicle crime has increased because of items like MP3 players, laptops and satellite navigation systems being more available.