



The floating corpse in the Jabi Dam.

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Unidentified corpse floating in Jabi dam

An unidentified human corpse was yesterday found floating in the Jabi dam near Kado Estates, Federal Capital Territory (FCT). The Abuja, Environmental board has been notified to remove the decaying corpse, police said.

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Residents said they started perceiving the offensive odour of the corpse since last Saturday, "but we did not know the location the odour was coming from until this morning when we saw a

body floating on the water", Sunday Afam said.

The corpse was found hidden beneath overgrown grass inside the water, thereby preventing clear visibility of the body, *City News* can reveal.

Construction workers in the neighbourhood said they hardly go near the dam because they have "nothing to do in that area."

Some items including an ash colour T-shirt, a pair of bedroom slippers and a four litre keg of water suspected

to belong to the dead man were found beside the water. There was no sign to show whether the man was a fisherman.

Muhammad Labaran and Mukhtar who sailed the dam in the canoe said they hardly

sail near where the corpse was found "due to its quietness."

"We arrived this morning to fish when we sighted the corpse," they said.

Some onlookers believe the corpse might have been used for ritual purpose.

"The man was ritualized.

That zone is very dangerous, but many people don't know. Cases like that are peculiar to that river. No one can tell the evil spirits that dwell under that bridge. The river is older than the Federal Capital Territory, and whoever is negligent of this awareness will make himself a victim to situation similar to this," one of the onlookers said.

The director, Abuja Environmental Protection Board (AEPB), Hajia Hadiza Abdullahi when contacted told *City News* that she had sent her operatives to remove the corpse. "Police have given us the go ahead and bury the body," she said.

FCT ANPP leaders reject appointment of chairman

The state executive leadership of All Nigerian People's Party (ANPP) in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) has rejected the appointment of a new party chairman as announced by the party national headquarters, recently.

Alhaji Umar Duhu was rejected by the executives because the nomination was not done in the best interest of the party members, the leaders claimed.

The party secretary, Mr. Joseph Okonkwo, who spoke

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on behalf of the state executive at a press conference yesterday said: "we request the National Headquarters to re-run the election of the zonal vice-chairman (North) in the spirit of fairness and justice to all parties concerned."

He also expressed the dissatisfaction of the party members in the FCT over the role the national headquarters during the 2007 election in the

area.

"Even though the party recorded overwhelming support from the FCT electorate in the last general elections, the national headquarters of our party did not make any meaningful contributions, the victory was attained because of the people's support and commitment of our members."

He further accused the National Executives of the party for not respecting the wishes of the electorate in the

FCT saying that "our parties in the FCT have reason to believe that the national executive of the ANPP does not respect our wishes, common principles, directives and rule of law."

"We therefore recognize Hon. Zakari D. Angulu as the acting chairman as provided for in the constitution of the party."

He urged the National Headquarter to give more attention and greater assistance to the FCT chapter

in view of its strategic importance, adding that "members of our party in the FCT are demanding the immediate adaptation of our resolutions or face the consequence of our alternative action"

The national publicity secretary of the party, Ibrahim Moddibo said the choice was made in the best interest of the party. "ANPP is going to hold an election for the post of its chairman in FCT in two weeks," he said.