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Suspected ritualist murders prostitute at Mabushi

By Ogechi Ohalee

A call girl, who stays in a slum at Mabushi was on Tuesday morning discovered dead by her neighbours.

Mercy alias Asa, was said to have entered her room with a male visitor the previous night and never left the room alive as her private part was cut off, while one of her breast was injured.

A neighbour of the deceased, Kate,

recalled that Asa, who hails from Akwa Ibom, told her neighbours at around 7 pm Monday that she has an important politician visitor and does not want to be disturbed.

"She said the man was loaded with cash and no one may see her until the following morning," Kate said.

The neighbour said she overheard both of them laugh at 10 pm, adding that at 8 am when Mercy did not come out, she knocked

on her door and did not receive a response.

"I called on other residents in the area and some decided to force the door open, where we discovered her corpse stained with blood," she stated.

Our reporter saw a female relation of the deceased packing the victim's property into a pickup van at 10 am yesterday.

The woman, who was wailing, said she warned Mercy to stop prostitution but she refused because she wanted an easy life style.

"She was a student in Nasarawa University but had to leave school because of bad friends and see how she has ended her life," the woman said.

The relations also disclosed that the victim's mother is a widow.

When contacted over the report, Utako Divisional Police Officer, Olugbunmi Ogedengbe, a chief superintendent, declined to comment and directed our reporter to FCT Police Command.

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POLICEMEN and AEPB officials raiding a suspected criminal's den at Nyanya, Abuja recently.

... As 2 drown inside Nyanya well

By Romoke W. Ahmad

PANDEMONIUM took place Friday night in a community along Nyanya/Ikwoyi road, when two middle-aged men drowned in a well after they attempted to save a goat that fell into it.

An eye witness, Habiba, said a goat entered into a well and was shouting when a man, Nweke Eze got into the well to rescue the animal and did not come out, which attracted one Hassan Saliu, a water vendor, who also jumped into the well.

Habiba disclosed that the well is a mini-borehole in a compound, while the goat that fell into it belongs to the house owner.

"One of the men, who drowned is the landlord's nephew while the second victim came out of the Mosque, witnessed the incident and tried to rescue the landlord's nephew," she narrated.

She said efforts by officials of the Federal Fire Service to rescue the victims proved abortive as they worked from 9 pm till 2.30 am without success but came back hours later with a Julius Berger crane, which was used to remove the bodies on Saturday morning.

The Divisional Police Officer of Nyanya, Aminu Garba, a chief superintendent, confirmed the incident and said immediately the police was alerted they contacted the fire service and local well diggers to help retrieve the corpses.

The police officer said the corpses were first taken to Asokoro General Hospital's Mortuary, where they were rejected and later taken to Maitama General Hospital.

He said Hassan's relations retrieved and buried his corpse according to Islamic rites, while Nweke's corpse is still in the mortuary.