

Killing of 3 sparks protest by Northern youth in Lagos

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THERE was tension yesterday in a Hausa community in Aje-gunle area of Lagos following the death of three members of the community whose bodies were found in a well at Olodi in Ajeromi Ifelodun Local Government Area of Lagos State.

Hundreds of Hausa youths protested the death, alleging that they were killed and dumped in the well after they had been used for rituals.

The deceased, between the ages of 25 and 35, were identified as Malam Yusha'u, Abdul-Malik Zubairu and Momoh Jare.

Eye witnesses said trouble started when the bodies were discovered by some of their friends who traced their shoes to the well after they had been reported missing.

The witness said the police arrested son of the owner of the

house identified as Uzor Okwudili but he was later released.

He said the release of the suspect sparked the protest. The youths alleged that the DPO collected money from the suspect and set him free.

But the Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Joseph Jaiyeovba, debunked the allegation, saying the deceased were not killed for any ritual purposes, noting that it was a clear case of sudden death.

He said that two people had been arrested in connection with the incident.

He explained that the first two victims fell into the well and got drawn, while the third victim also fell in when he attempted to enter the well with a rope to rescue them.

"The deceased were buried on Wednesday after the case had been settled by the DPO" he stated,