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Death in a septic tank...

Toys direct search team to an open septic tank where toddler had fallen into

By Ayodele Adeniran

LIKE every toddler, he was lovely and hyperactive. He would walk around the home and play with his toys. But all that ended on Wednesday as his toys directed the search team to where his lifeless body was found.

It was a sad Wednesday for residents of No. 5, Victor Olaiya Street, Iyana Ipaja, as Ayomide Afolabi, one and a half-year-old first son of Mr. Sunday Afolabi and Mrs. Bolanle Afolabi, a fashion designer, fell into a septic tank and died. *Ayomide*, a Yoruba name, which means, "my joy has come," thereby ending the joy of the parents.

The *Guardian* gathered that the little boy, Ayomide Afolabi, who often accompanied the mother to the shop, was suddenly out of sight and a search began.

A resident who did not want her name mentioned, said: "After a long search, someone noticed his toys on top of the uncovered septic tank and it was suggested that the tank should be searched."

"To the amazement of the searchers, the little boy was found inside the pit and was brought out. But the harm had been done already because of the state the boy was brought out. He had drowned."

He was rushed to Delat Fair Medical Centre, where Ayomide unfortunately died.

According to the mother: "Ayomide was my first son and I kept on monitoring his movement from time to time. But what happened is beyond my imagination."

"He was with us in the shop playing, and it was just within a twinkling of an eye that we did not see him and started searching for him, only to discover he had fallen into the uncovered pit," she said.

The *Guardian* also gathered that the four flats were willed to the family members after the death of the owner of the house, but it appeared



The late Ayomide

that the owners had not come into agreement to carry out necessary renovations, including the covering of the pit, which had been left opened, thereby causing the death of little Ayomide. The building, which also houses a school, had



The uncovered septic tank



His mother, Bolanle Afolabi

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been cordoned and sealed by government officials and members of the Lagos State Waste Management officials.

The father of the baby could not believe the story and kept on saying it was not his son that died.

Briefs

Council honours Jemibewon, Aregbesola others in Ekiti

THE Itapaji-Ekiti Traditional Council will tomorrow honour the former Governor of the old Western Region, General David Jemibewon (rtd.) for his 1976 role in building the first Hydro Power Dam in Ekiti State. A statement by the traditional ruler, Oba Abdul-Azeez Abdul-Kareem Adebajo and the Secretary of Ambassadors Club, Mallam Suleiman Olu Sanusi, said that the Osun State Governor, Ogbeni Rauf Aregbesola, the Deputy Governor of Ekiti State, Mrs Funmilayo Olayinka, wife of the Ekiti State Governor, Erelu Bisi Fayemi, the Ekiti State Chief of Staff, Yemi Adaramodu, the founder of the Oodua Peoples Congress (OPC), Dr. Fredrick Fasehun and a Commissioner in Lagos, Mr Foad Oki among others would also be honoured.

NITAD holds induction

THE Nigerian Institute of Trainings and Development (NITAD) will induct 200 new members at its 10th induction ceremony on Wednesday, December 12, at E'tal Hotel & Halls, Oregun, Lagos. The President, Mr. Kayode Ogungbuyi said the induction lecture would be delivered by Mr. Niyi Alabi of Nigerian Breweries Plc.

Church begins convention

DAYSTAR Christian Centre will on Sunday, December 9, holds its "evening to worship the King" at Plot A3C, Ikosi Road, Oregun, Ikeja, Lagos at 5.00p.m. Hosts are Sam and Nike Adeyemi.

Awoyele for burial

DEACONESS Alice Olufunmi-ayo Owoyele who died at 65, will be buried tomorrow after a funeral service at 10 a.m at the Christ Light Evangelical Church, 40, Mokuro Street, Ile-Ife in Osun State. Her son Oluropo, a Lagos lawyer, said reception holds at

A mother's passion for saving fellow pregnant women

From John Akubo, Dutse

THIRTY-YEAR-OLD Aisha Aliyu, who hails from Sumangara village, in Gwaram Local Council of Jigawa State,

In the process, she lost a lot of blood and almost dead before her mother-in-law agreed that she should be taken to the clinic. Then, it was too late. Such sad stories abound in a state

department for International Development (DFID) project to participate in the training, which is a Save Motherhood Initiative introduced to help curb such painful experience the rural

and community level that prevent women from receiving timely Emergency Obstetric Care.

The programme, which aims at creating awareness on safe motherhood in 10 targeted communities across