

Decaying corpse abandoned under Toyota fly-over

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SEVERAL days after the decomposing body of an unidentified man covered with leaves was discovered under the fly-over at Toyota Bus-Stop on Oshodi-Apapa Expressway, the foul-smelling corpse could still be sighted under the bridge as at yesterday.

Passers-by speculated that the man must have been killed in the night at the same spot where the cannibal, Clifford Orji, use as a hideout many years ago. Some suspected that the man, whose identity is unknown, must be one of the lunatics sleeping under the bridge, while others felt he must have been killed by a hit-and-run driver.

Sadly, till now nobody from the Lagos State Ministry of Environment or Mushin Local Council has made efforts to evacuate the decaying corpse that is posing a great risk to public health.

On-lookers who covered their noses while perusing the decaying corpse, complained about government's

poor response to emergency situations such as this one that can endanger public health by polluting the environment. One of the traders in nearby Ladipo spare-parts market, who does not want his name in print, told *The Guardian* that efforts to call the attention of Lagos State Waste Management Authority (LAWMA) workers who ply the road to the lying corpse proved futile, as they too did not want to come near the body, echoing "our work is to pack dirt not dead body."

A bricklayer working under the fly-over, who simply identified himself as Saheed, said the area cannot be free from bloodshed because many atrocities are committed under the bridge every night and no one has been brought to justice.

He said: "I have been robbed at night at this spot before. One day, several ladies were raped but they could not complain because of stigmatization."

He urged the relevant authorities to do the necessary thing by removing the dead body from the area before it ruptures.



The body yesterday.

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Yobe approves payment of N948m gratuities to retirees

GOVERNOR of Yobe State, Al-Ghaji Ibrahim Gaidam, has approved the ₦1 m of N948,854,033.00 for the payment of gratuity to 532 civil servants who have retired recently. The number also includes some workers who died recently.

This is part of on going efforts by the governor to promote the wellbeing and welfare of civil servants both during active service and after retirement.

In a statement signed by the Special Adviser on Press Affairs and Information to the governor, Abdullahi Bego, the affected persons or relatives of affected deceased civil servants should check with the Pensions Department of the Office of the Head of Service, Governor's Office Damaturu for their entitlements.

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