

Food seller found dead in well

A food seller, Alhaja Sikirat Ekun, has been found dead in a well in her home at No 5, Babatunde Ladega Street, Omole Phase I, Ojodu, Lagos, three weeks after she was declared missing.

The well was said to have been covered with garbage and an old generating set.

It was gathered that neighbours were attracted to the well by the putrid smell that was oozing out of it. They alerted the police at Area 'G' Command, Ogba, which stormed the residence.

Fire fighters were said to have been invited to remove the body from the well. The body has been deposited at the morgue of the Lagos State University Teaching Hospital (LASUTH), Ikeja.

The late Mrs. Ekun was said to have operated a restaurant in the building and was liv-

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ing alone because her four children are outside the country.

Sources said when the deceased was not seen around, her neighbours thought she had travelled outside the country as the restaurant was still open to customers.

The Police, it was learnt, arrested two of the late Mrs. Ekun's workers who are suspected to have conspired with a traditional ruler to commit the crime.

Police spokesperson, Ngozi Braide, a Deputy Superintendent (DSP), said the suspects, including the traditional ruler, may be paraded by the Commissioner of Police, Umar Manko, today.

When *The Nation* visited the scene, the street was deserted, with most of the residents



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staying indoors.

A resident, who pleaded anonymity, told our reporter that over 500 people had been arrested and released on bail since the police investigation began.

The front gate of the building has been padlocked by operatives from Area 'G' Command with some plainclothe policemen cordoning off the place.