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Traders flee as flood dumps body at Onitsha market

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A decomposing corpse was at the weekend dumped at the Onitsha International Electronics Market, in Anambra State, by flood after several hours of rainfall.

Reliable sources told **Metro** that while the traders were crying over the loss

incurred as a result of the effect of the flood, they started perceiving the offensive odour of the corpse.

The traders were shocked when they saw a decomposing body by the side of a shop in a shallow gutter inside the market.

While reacting to the development, the Financial Secretary of the market, Mr Onyeka Azubike, said "the

flood dumped the corpse inside the market because the drainage system that passes through the market was blocked at the gate by a company adjacent to the market.

"Because of the blockage, the flood couldn't pass through. It affected the market and those at the A-line and adjoining ones.

"We have alerted the

Okpoko police station and the health officials of the Ogbaru Local Government Area so that they can help us remove the body to enable us remove the debris from the flood that has turned the market to a mini-lake, while most of us have abandon our shops."

According to the PRO of the market, Mr Ikechukwu Onwuama, "we have peti-

tioned the state government and it ordered for the opening of the blocked drainage system. But the order is yet to be executed."

2 suspected robbers nabbed on Lagos/Ibadan highway

BY TINUOLA ARE

A suspected gang of armed robbers which specialised in attacking vehicles on the Ogun State section of the Lagos-Ibadan highway, using weapons, has been arrested.

Speaking during the parade of the suspects at the Ogun State Police Command recently, the Commissioner of Police, Mr Ahmed Iliyasu, said information was received on June 20 at about 1:55a.m that some armed robbers were robbing on the Lagos-Ibadan highway.

"Immediately, a team of the Federal-State Anti-Robbery Squad (F-SARS) was detailed for the operation and a manhunt launched for the suspects.

"Two of the suspects, Chukwudi Okorie and Nkemjika Nwoke, were subsequently arrested at their hideout in Sagamu area of the state, while exhibits such as two pump-action rifles, one cut-to-size locally-made gun, two master keys, nails and four live cartridges, were recovered from them," Iliyasu said.

He also assured residents of the state that the command was ready to confront and tackle criminals in the state.

"I, therefore, wish to appeal to members of the public to assist the police by giving us information whenever they notice any strange face, gathering or movement within their areas in order to make it easier for the police to tackle crime," Iliyasu said.



Representative of the Inspector General of Police, DIG Emmanuel Inyang, flanked by the Oyo State Commissioner of Police, Mr Abiodun Odude (right) and his Osun State counterpart, Mr Fimihi Adeoye, during the human rights training for policemen in Ibadan.

Embracing human rights principles will project image of police —IG

BY ADEWALE OSHODI

THE Inspector General of Police, Mr Ibrahim Idris, has said that for the force to be successful, its officers needed to take the issue of human rights seriously, as this would project a more positive image of the police force in the eyes of the public.

Mr Idris said this during a workshop organised to train Divisional Police Officers (DPOs) and Divisional Crime Officers (DCOs) from the Oyo and Osun com-

"Even as some commit the crime of kidnapping or armed robbery, we need to show the world that we are not brutish in our operations, as we know that those suspects also have their rights when they are arrested.

"The Nigeria Police Force has been sensitising its officers and men on human rights issues since 2010 and that is why we have drastically reduced the incidences

of extrajudicial killings in the country," IGP Idris said, while revealing that the Force would continually train its officers and men on human rights issues.

In his remarks on the occasion, the Oyo State Commissioner of Police, Mr Abiodun Odude, said the command had been working hard on its officers and men to embrace issues of human rights in dealing with members of the public.

"As we go about tackling crime, we also ensure that policemen focus on human rights while dealing with members of the public," Odude said.

The Osun State Commissioner of Police, Mr Fimihi Adeoye, on his part, charged participating police officers to equip themselves with issues of human rights, while also training those who did not have the opportunity to attend the training.

Police parade suspected killer of tricycle operator in Abia

The Commissioner of