

Some of the weapons recovered from the suspects

The suspects

Woman drowns after suffering epileptic seizure while fetching water

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A middle-aged woman on Wednesday lost her life while drawing water from a well in her compound at Ogechukwu Street, Awka, Anambra State capital.

The deceased, who was said to be a patient of epilepsy, had gone into a fit while fetching water from the well.

Simply identified as Ifenyinwa, the deceased was a native of Ugbenu in Awka North Local Government Area of the state.

The deceased, who was a petty trader, died at about 7:00 a.m on Wednesday when she was brought out of the well.

Some of the residents in the area, who described the incident as tragic, said she was attempting to draw water from the well with a rope when the fit suddenly took over her, throwing her into the well.

A resident of the area, who gave her name as Justina, blamed the incident on her relatives and neighbours, as she opined that they should not have allowed her to fetch water, as her health condition was very well known to people around.

"She might not have died that way if she had been assisted to fetch the water," she lamented.

Another neighbour, who preferred anonymity, dismissed the claim by the for-

mer, saying the deceased had been fetching water from the well all through the years she lived in the compound.

"That was not the first time she fetched water from the well. Though she suffered from epilepsy, she had been engaged in some other tedious activities, including visiting village markets where she purchased the fruits she sold.

"I think she was just destined to die today. If not, she could have successfully

fetched the water the way she had always done," he said.

The corpse was said to have been removed by an expert swimmer who jumped into the well with the assistance of a rope tied to a ladder.

Nigerian Tribune's correspondent, who visited the scene of the incident, saw residents of the area and other sympathisers at the compound, expressing shock over the incident as well as consoling the family of the deceased.

10,290 arrested for drug-related offences in one

THE National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) says no fewer than 10,290 arrests were made for drug-related offences at various ports and border posts across the country in 2017.

The NBS stated this in drug seizure and arrest statistics for 2017 posted on its website.

The bureau stated that 9,626 of the suspects arrested were males while 664 were females.

The report stated that 1,605 or 15.6 per cent were convicted in 2017 while 1,167 or 11.3 per cent were on counselling.

It stated that 92,687 kilograms of exhibits were

destroyed while 317 hectares of farmland were also destroyed.

In addition, the report stated that 309,713 kilograms of drugs were seized in 2017 by the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA).

It stated that a total of 191,353 kilograms of