

Decomposing corpse of boy causes stir in Ibadan

As articulated vehicle breaks iron bar of Mokola flyover

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THE discovery of a decomposing corpse of an unidentified young boy on Monday morning caused a stir around Mokola area of Ibadan, the Oyo State capital.

Though nobody could ascertain how the corpse got to the scene on Jemibewon

Road, near St Gabriel Grammar School, the discovery attracted many people who trooped to the area to catch a glimpse of the body.

An eyewitness who spoke with the *Nigerian Tribune*, Mr Dapo Olaniran, said: "we just saw many people converging on the spot and we went there too. We later saw the

decomposing corpse of a boy beside a refuse dump."

Olaniran, who is a mechanic, with his workshop not too far from the scene, added that some people might have dumped the corpse under the cover of darkness.

However, by the time *Nigerian Tribune* arrived the scene, the corpse had been evacu-

ated by persons suspected to be environmental officials.

Efforts to get the reaction of the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) of the state police command, Mr Adewale Osifeso, over the development were unsuccessful, as calls made to his mobile phone did not connect.

In another development, an

articulated vehicle, on Monday morning, broke the iron bar at the entrance of the Mokola flyover bridge, causing gridlock that lasted several hours.

The iron barrier, constructed to prevent heavy duty vehicles from accessing the flyover, was damaged as the driver of the trailer approached the bridge.

Though no injury was sustained by the driver of the articulated vehicle, the windshield of the trailer was shattered in the process.

As a result of the development, motorists diverted to Jemibewon road to link up with Dugbe and Queens Cinema axis of Ibadan, which then resulted in a gridlock.

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