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Two siblings die inside well

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THE Amukoko division of the Lagos State Police Command has started investigating the death of two siblings inside a well.

Our correspondent learnt on Sunday that the siblings, Ahmed Akanbi and Isah Akanbi, fell inside the well at their residence on Mosafejo Road, Amukoko, a suburb of Lagos at about 10pm on Wednesday.

According to the report made at the Amukoko police station, the siblings were already drowned before residents of the area and sympathisers got attracted to the scene.

The residents promptly engaged the services of well diggers who fished out the victims.

They were, however, confirmed dead at a nearby hospital where they were taken to for treatment.

The command's spokesman, Mr. Olubode Ojajuni, a deputy superintendent of police, told our correspondent that the command had started investigation of the case.

He said the condition of the well would be considered in the investigation to ascertain that there was no case of negligence.

In a related develop-

ment, the remains of a 16year-old boy was on Thursday found hanging on a guava tree near his house.

The boy, identified as Segun Olalekan, was a resident of Yinka Adeyemi Street, Ijagemo, Ijegun, a suburb of Lagos.

The police spokesman, while confirming the incident, said investigation had

also commenced into the case.

He however added that the police did not suspect any foul play since no mark of violence was found on the lifeless body.

He said policemen from lkotun division had removed the corpse and deposited it at a mortuary for autopsy.

Gunmen kill man in Awka

John Ameh, Onitsha

GUNMEN, on Saturday, killed a middle-aged man in Awka, the Anambra State capital.

The deceased, a motorcycle mechanic, was reportedly shot at about 8pm in his residence.

Investigations revealed that the deceased had just finished watching a television programme in company with his wife and sister in-law when the gunmen arrived at their apartment.

He was until his death a resident of a one-room apartment in a compound located off Nnamdi Azikiwe Avenue, near a popular fast food joint in Awka.

Police investigators told our correspondent on Sunday that the rest of the occupants in the compound were students of a tertiary institution in the town.

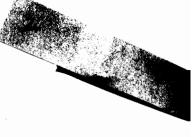
While the deceased, his wife and the in-law were seated in the apartment, they reportedly heard a knock on the door.

He opened the door, only to be shot by the gunmen who escaped immediately.

"They shot him on the stomach; his corpse has been deposited at a private hospital in Awka," a police source told our correspondent.

Men of the State Criminal Investigations Department are reportedly working on the theory of mistaken identity resulting from inter-cult clashes.

The command's spokesman, Mr. Fidelis Agbo, however, told our correspondent that he was yet to receive "a coordinated report" on the incident.



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