

Labourer dies inside well

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THE pandemonium created following the death of a labourer hired to dig a well in Mafoluku area of Lagos is yet to abate.

The labourer, simply identified as Mallam Ali, was contracted by a man (name withheld) to dig a well in his house at 13, Alhaja Adijat Lawal Close on January 23.

It was learnt that the mallam and his assistant had dug the well to a level where water flowed freely and he got drowned while he was allegedly trying to come out of the well.

Our correspondent gathered that the deceased's kinsmen had been urging the police to hold the man who hired Ali to dig the well responsible for the death.

Ali's assistant, who was outside, receiving the mud

packed from the well, got apprehensive when he noticed that his colleague was not making any movement again.

He reportedly cried out and shouted Ali's name but there was no response. It was at that point that the owner of the job was alerted.

Efforts made to get the mallam out of the well alive were futile. At about 8am, the incident was reported at Oshodi Police Station.

Some policemen were dispatched to the scene to confirm the report. It was learnt that some rescue workers were later called to remove the corpse from the well.

Spokesman for the Lagos State Police Command, Mr. Olubode Ojajuni, a superintendent of police, confirmed the incident to our correspondent.