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## Police recover corpse of Lagos politician

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The Police in Lagos on Wednesday said they have recovered the corpse of 56-year-old former Lagos State Peoples Democratic Party senatorial candidate and ministerial nominee, [Al-Mustaim Abaniwonda](#).

The politician, whose corpse was recovered at the Bonny Camp, has been buried. He was interred at the [Victoria Garden City cemetery, Lagos](#).

The [Police Public Relations Officer, Ports Command, Mr. Sirajo Mada](#), who confirmed this to one of our

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correspondents, however, said investigations were still on to determine the circumstances surrounding his death.

He said, “His body was discovered at Bonny camp by combined efforts of Marine Police and divers employed by relatives of the deceased. His corpse was later deposited at a mortuary for an autopsy. I can’t confirm if it was a suicide, all we know is that he drowned.

Hitherto, there were conflicting reports about how the politician died, Though initial report said he committed suicide, his family has since dismissed the story.

Meanwhile, the PDP Spokesman in the state, Mr Taofeek Gani, also said Abaniwonda did not commit suicide.

He said, “Abaniwonda was pressed along Marina and he tried to use the public toilet. The toilet was locked so he tried the sea bank behind the marine police station, Marina. Unfortunately, he slipped into the lagoon. He was very wealthy and full of life. He was not frustrated.”

Our correspondents gathered that Abaniwonda, who was the Chief Executive Officer of Alade Abaniwonda and Partners, was on his way to work before the tragic incident.

In a related development, the coalition of Lagos State indigenes has commiserated with the family of the deceased.

In a statement by its coordinator, Prof. Akin Oluwole, the group noted that the deceased had excelled in the financial world and was the pride of his constituency hence his call to return to Nigeria and participate in politics.

It stated, “We shall explore avenues to ensure that we stand for the protection of all Lagos Indigenes against the oppression, suppression, humiliation, marginalisation of our brothers and sisters within the sovereignty of Nigeria. We pray for his bereaved wife and family to accept the will of God for he gives and takes life as all power belongs to him.”

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