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Human head

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THERE was panic at Olokodana Junction on the Old Apapa Road, in the Oyingbo area of Lagos State after residents and passersby found a severed head by the roadside.

Our correspondent gathered that the head was dropped at the junction at about 8pm on Tuesday by unidentified persons.

It was learnt that residents and pedestrians gathered round the head and tried in vain to find out the identity of the deceased.

The situation was said to have caused gridlock for over one hour as some motorists also joined the onlookers. Some of the people were said to have put calls across to the Iponri Police Division.

Some residents told PUNCH Metro that at about 7.30pm on Tuesday, two tricycles, aka Keke Marwa, had parked at the junction, and a man had alighted from one of them.

The man, whose identity had yet to be established, reportedly dropped the head by the roadside, before he and the tricycles' riders sped off.

When our correspondent visited the area on

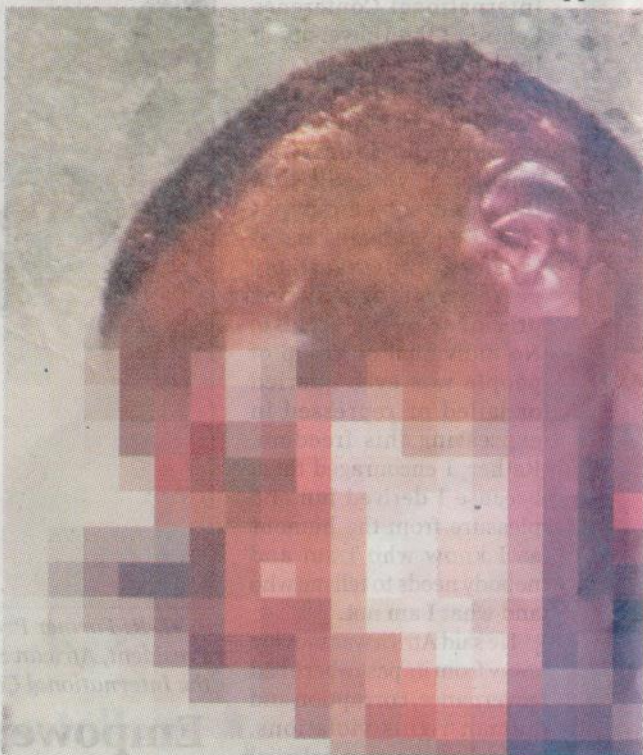
Wednesday, a resident, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the victim's right eye had also been gouged out.

He added that while nobody had yet to know the identity of the deceased, it was believed that he was a member of the *Fagbayimu* boys — one of the notorious gangs in the area.

He said, "I was coming

from the mosque at about 8pm when I noticed a large crowd at the junction. When I moved closer, I saw that the subject of attention was a fresh human head. The man had a low cut and his right eye had been removed. It was dropped near the shops of some women selling soft drinks and noodles.

"A church was opposite



• The head

Photo: Witness

I Osun State, on Wednesday as a diesel-laden tanker fell at the Wasimi area, spilling its content on the road.

Our correspondent gathered that the accident happened around 10.30am while the tanker driver was trying to manoeuvre through the bad

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section of the road.

The tanker was said to have loaded fuel from Ibadan, Oyo State, and was heading for Gbongan, Osun State. The 33,000-litre content was spilled

on the road, leading to a

Some residents were stormed the scene and scooping the product.

However, the intervention of security agencies, including Nigeria Security and Civ

causes panic, gridlock Lagos road

the scene, but the members were not holding a service. People were taking photographs, while some called the police. Nobody knew the name or address of the owner of the head."

A shop owner, who also declined to give her name, said when the two tricycles parked briefly at the junction, deep voices, suspected to be the killers, instructed the man who got

down to drop the head.

She added that policemen from the Iponri division later came at about 9pm to remove the head.

"Some voices inside the tricycles were saying, 'Gbee



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