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Man found dead in well with injuries

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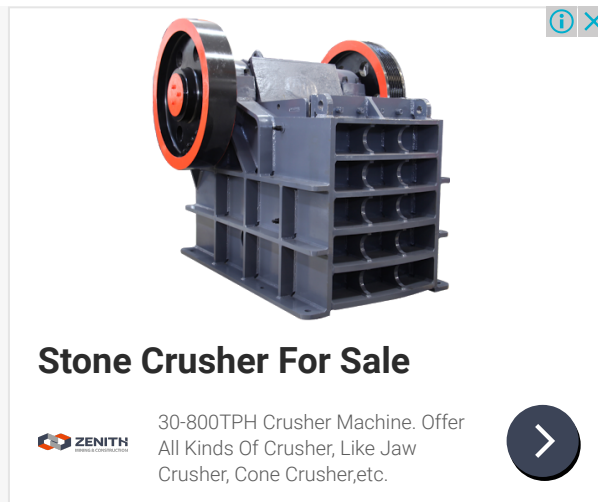
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A man has drowned in an abandoned well on a piece of land at Aina bus stop, in the Fagba area of Lagos State.

PUNCH Metro learnt that marks of violence were found on his body after officials of the Lagos State Fire Service recovered the corpse.



It was gathered that emergency workers, including policemen from the Ishaga division, were alerted to the incident around 1am on Monday.

Most residents approached by our correspondent, who visited the scene at about 11am, declined to speak on the incident.

However, a trader in the area said he saw some cuts in the hands of the victim while officials of State Environmental Health Monitoring Unit, were taking away his corpse.

“With those marks, he was either killed and his corpse dumped inside the well by his attackers or he fell into the well out of desperation to escape a mob action.

“No one can identify him as a resident. But he was a young man. People are afraid to talk to the police so as not to be invited to the station,” the trader, who gave his name only as Raji, said.

A mechanic, Joseph Olaniyan, said the grass around the well was recently cleared, adding that the well had been there for years uncovered.

He said, “I got to shop this morning (Monday) to see policemen at the scene. When I moved near, I was told that a man was found dead in the well.

“Residents should be in a better position to explain what actually happened. The well was not covered, but I can’t say whether the man committed suicide or was murdered and dumped in the well.”

The Director, Lagos State Fire Service, Rasaq Fadipe, said men from the Agege and Alausa fire stations responded to the incident.

He urged residents to always keep their wells covered when not in use.

“The scene is a virgin land, belonging to one of the banks in the area. The well is about 150 feet deep. We handed his body over to the police,” he added.

The Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer, SP Dolapo Badmos, said the body had been deposited in a morgue for autopsy.

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