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• Two die in industrial accidents, cultists nabbed

Hospital's morgue for autopsy.

The PPRO stated, "On Sunday, November 17, 2019, around 6.10pm, the police received a distress call that one Sodiq Yusuf, 26, of No. 26 Hogan Bassey Street, Surulere, allegedly got drowned while swimming in the National Stadium's swimming pool in Surulere. A team of policemen was mobilised to the scene.

"The victim was rescued and rushed to the Randle General Hospital, Surulere, where he was confirmed dead. The corpse was deposited in the Mainland General Hospital's morgue in Yaba for autopsy. An investigation is ongoing."

In another development, a factory worker, Sunday Usenobong, died from injuries he sustained during an industrial accident, while working at the factory of the Landcraft Industry Nigeria Limited at the Odogunyan Industrial Estate in the Ikorodu

area of the state.

Elkana said the 50-year-old fell inside a melting pot, while operating the company's machine, and died on the spot, adding that homicide detectives, who visited the scene of the accident, evacuated the corpse.

He said an investigation into the incident was ongoing.

Elkana stated, "On Friday, November 22, 2019, around 3.30pm, one Sunday Usenobong, 50, an employee of the Landcraft Industry Nigeria Limited, Odogunyan Industrial Estate, Ikorodu, allegedly fell inside a melting pot, while operating the company's machine."

"Consequently, the victim died on the spot. Homicide detectives visited the scene and the corpse was evacuated to a public morgue for autopsy. An investigation is ongoing."

Similarly, one Femi Olatunde, while operating a moulding machine for the

Multipak Nigeria Limited, on Plot F28 Kudirat Abiola Way, in the Oregun area of the state, allegedly got trapped in the machine and died on the spot.

Elkana, who confirmed the incident, said homicide detectives had evacuated the corpse to the mortuary for autopsy, adding that investigation into the case was ongoing.

He stated, "On Tuesday, November 19, 2019, around 8.20pm, a moulding machine operator, one Femi Olatunde, 35, at the Multipak Nigeria Limited, located on Plot F28, Kudirat Abiola Way, Oregun, Lagos State, allegedly got trapped while operating the machine."

"Consequently, the victim died on the spot. Homicide detectives visited the scene and evacuated the corpse to a public morgue for autopsy. An investigation is ongoing."

Reacting to the spate of industrial accidents in the state,

the Director General, Lagos State Safety Commission, Lanre Mojola, said in a statement that the state government had declared zero tolerance for factories and private organisations violating safety rules and regulations, adding that it had sealed off Multipak Nigeria Limited.

According to Mojola, the company's violation of safety rules and regulations, poor housekeeping and lack of signage led to the untimely death of Olatunde, whose head got stuck while operating one of the machines.

He stated that Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu's administration was passionate about the safety of lives and property of the residents.

"On no account should any factory operate without putting in place safety equipment, quality housekeeping, signage, good wiring system and a clean environment devoid of hazards to the lives of workers and visitors," Mojola said.

He urged organisations and

their operations to prevent fatal incidents that endanger lives, adding that the safety of lives and property was a collective responsibility and warned that factories that violate safety rules would be sanctioned.

Meanwhile, two members of the *Aiye* and *Eiye* confraternities have been arrested by the Lagos State Police Command for attempting to maim two occupants of a vehicle in the Iyana Ipaja area of the state.

The suspects, Abbey Kolawole and Ikenna Eze, were arrested by residents of the area and handed over to operatives of the Rapid Respond Squad.

Kolawole and Eze, in company with one Femi, who is currently at large, were said to have accosted the occupants of the vehicle, who were having a discussion, and ordered them to alight from the vehicle.

It was gathered that when the victims refused to alight from the vehicle, the gang leader, Femi, shot in the air and threatened to shoot the victims.

However, residents of the area apprehended Kolawole and Eze and handed them over to the RRS operatives, while Femi escaped.

Eze, in his statement to the police, alleged that Femi had

the yet-to-be-identified victim.

He said, "Femi invited us to the house of one of the occupants of the vehicle, who is a resident of Shagari Estate, Iyana-Ipaja, with the intent of killing him, because he had threatened to kill Femi."

"The man had earlier gone to Femi's residence in Agege Abattoir in company with cult members and threatened to kill him, but Femi wanted to maim the man first. Our plan was to shoot the man in the leg but after firing the first shot in the air, the gun hooked and before he could reload it, residents had gathered to check what was happening and were moving towards us; so, we fled in different directions and abandoned our gun."

"Femi was the one who knew the area; he escaped while we strangers in that community, were arrested."

According to the police, a locally-made double-barrelled cut-to-size shotgun, three live cartridges and one expended cartridge were recovered from the suspects, who confirmed that they were members of the *Aiye* and *Eiye* confraternities.

Commending the residents of the Shagari Estate in the Ipaja area for cooperating with