

he allegedly connived with three other fleeing persons, including a herbalist named Owonikoko, to kill the 20-year-old student with a pestle during her visit.

The family told our correspondent that Kembi,



•Tohuwalase

was already switched off.

"All those times, she had already been killed by the friend she went to visit. We didn't know. The police at the Elere division tracked her phone to Ikorodu and arrested the man in possession of the phone. The man

presently."

"We have three fleeing suspects. The police will do the needful to apprehend all those at large; proper investigation will be done and justice will be served."

One dies as Lagos records multiple crashes, school building collapse

AFEEZ HANAFI

ONE person has been confirmed dead in a petrol tanker explosion that burnt four vehicles at Anthony, inward Gbagada area of Lagos State on Friday night.

On Saturday morning, another tanker loaded with 45,000-litre diesel lost control and fell at Anthony, spilling its content.

Around 5.30am, a Mack tanker with the number plate, KJ 276 LZ, taking petrol to a filling station in Badagry fell off, injuring two persons.

A fire incident was also recorded on the premises of Conoil Filling Station on Addo Road in Badore, Ajah, just as a three-storey building at a secondary school on Ansarudeen Street, Ejigbo, collapsed two days to school resumption after about six months closure

occasioned by COVID-19 pandemic.

General Manager, Lagos State Emergency Management Agency, Dr Olufemi Oke-Osanyitolu, said no life was lost in the building collapse which occurred around 8am, noting that the structure had manifested visible signs of distress.

He said, "Information gathered from some officials of the school revealed that the building had previously shown signs of distress and the school was planning to renovate the structure. The three storey building has two wings conjoined.

"The wing that collapsed seriously affected the second wing, as visible cracks can be seen on the walls, pillars and decking. Fortunately, nobody was trapped."

The Acting Head of Lagos State Fire and Rescue Service, Mrs Margaret Adeseye, stated that firefighters from different fire stations were mobilised to the



•One of the crashes

•The collapsed school building

accident scenes, adding that one casualty was recorded in the Anthony tanker explosion.

She said, "On arrival, it was discovered that a 33,000-litre Iveco truck laden with petrol, a containerised truck, a flatbed truck carrying a crane and a towing vehicle were involved in the multiple accident leading to the fire.

"Preliminary investigation revealed that the Iveco truck lost control while trying to avoid collision with a towing vehicle which was trying to move the flatbed truck that got faulty for the past three days before spilling its content which later resulted in the fire.

"On the Badore Ajah fire, firemen from Lekki Phase 1 and Lekki Phase 2 fire stations extinguished fire which gutted a two-storey building on the premises of Conoil Filling Station. The fire involved a studio at the topmost floor of the building consisting of several

offices and shops."

In the Badagry tanker accident, Adeseye said two male adults suspected to be the driver and his assistant were rescued with various degrees of injury and taken to a nearby hospital.

A statement by the Lagos State Police Command on Saturday

said the state Commissioner of Police, Hakeem Odumosu, during a visit to the scene of the explosion in Anthony, enjoined drivers and other road users to obey traffic rules.

The statement entitled, 'Lagos CP cautions drivers against reckless driving, visits Anthony Fatal Road Accident Scene at Dusk,' read in part, "It was confirmed that one person was burnt beyond recognition in the incident.

"The Commissioner of Police, Lagos State, sympathised with those involved in the accident while he personally supervised the evacuation and clearing of the obstruction carried out by police personnel and staff of the Lagos State Emergency Management Agency, between 11am of Friday and 4am of Saturday, September 19, 2020."

Four nabbed over N21.5m Bauchi pension scam

ARMSTRONG BAKAM

FIVE employees of the Local Government Pension Board, Bauchi State, have been arrested for alleged criminal conspiracy, breach of trust, misappropriation, forgery and fraud amounting to N21, 580,000.

The Spokesperson for the police in the state, Ahmed Wakil, disclosed this in a statement on Saturday.

He said the suspects were arrested following a petition to the state Commissioner of Police by the state governor. Bala Mohammed, through his

receiving N300,000 monthly for 36 months, which accumulated to N10,800,000."

Wakil added that Umar Mohammed Madara, (49) of Ibrahim Bako area of Bauchi, had one candidate, for whom he received N120,000 monthly for six months, which accumulated to N720,000.

"All the suspects have been arrested and investigation is in progress. Efforts are in top gear to arrest the other fleeing suspects," he stated.

Family laments as flood kills father of five returning from work