

# Imo residents ask govt to remove abandoned corpse

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**R**ESIDENTS of Egbeada in the Mbaitolu Local Government Area of Imo State have urged the state government to remove an unidentified corpse from their community.

*PUNCH Metro* gathered on Thursday that the deceased was lynched by a mob on January 15, 2021 after an unsuccessful attempt to snatch a mobile phone from a woman.

The deceased, alongside an alleged accomplice currently at large, reportedly stabbed their victim with a knife, an action which made her to raise the alarm.

Passersby were said to have lynched the suspect and set fire on his corpse, while his accomplice escaped.

A foodstuff dealer at the popular Egbeada Market, Mrs Angela Obinna, said, "The corpse has been here since that day and it now smells. The odour is affecting sales here as our customers no longer feel free to patronise

us."

Another trader, Mr Felix Uzundu, said he had been scared to go to his shop since the incident occurred.

The Chairman of the Nigeria Medical Association in Imo, Dr Chidiebere Okwara, said the corpse could constitute a health hazard.

"A corpse should not be allowed to lie on the street. We hope that relevant agencies of government will remove it as soon as possible," he added.

## Man arraigned

Kayode Idowu, Maiduguri

**T**HE Economic and Financial Crimes Commission on Thursday arraigned a man, Modu Kotoko, before the Maiduguri High Court for alleged fraud of N20m.

The defendant allegedly collected the sum from one Abubakar Girgiri on the pretext of financing the purchase of cars on sale by auction.

Kotoko was arraigned before Justice Aisha Kumaliya of