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# Another artisan drowns in Osun well

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A 38-year-old artisan, Sikiru Tiamiyu, on Saturday drowned inside a well in a residential building in Dada Estate, Osogbo.

The incident which threw the neighbourhood into panic was reportedly the second in the last 17 days. It was learnt that another artisan, whose name could not be immediately ascertained, was electrocuted while working on a pumping machine inside the well on Wednesday, October 19.

In the two incidents, two persons were injured and had to be treated in hospitals.

Sources familiar with the incident said immediately the artisan was observed to be drowning, and men of the Osun State Fire Service were called.

Speaking during an interview with

*Sunday PUNCH*, the Public Relations Officer of Osun State Fire Service, Ibrahim Adekunle, said apart from the artisan brought out of the well dead, one other person was injured in the incident and hospitalised.

Adekunle said, "Today, Saturday, November 5, 2022, men of the Osun

State Fire Service, Oke fia Station received a distress call from Zone 5A, Oke Arungbo Community, Dada Estate, Osogbo at exactly 10: 45am that two men were trapped in a well.

"The team, led by Principal Fire Superintendent 1, Adegoke Sesan, immediately mobilised to the

scene. Bodies of the two men were recovered with one alive and taken to an undisclosed hospital by residents, while the other was brought out dead and handed over to the police. The deceased, one Mr Sikiru Tiamiyu of about 38 years, was working to clean up the well.

"Similar incident occurred in the same well on October 19, 2022. The victim, a technician too, was working on the coil of a pumping machine inside the well and he eventually got electrocuted and died on the spot. His co-worker was rescued alive and taken to a hospital."

## Lalong charges new monarch on security

PLATEAU State governor, Simon Lalong, has charged the newly installed Mishkaham Mwaghavul, Da John Hirse, to take security seriously and work with his people to support the government to maintain law and order.

The *News Agency of Nigeria* stated that Lalong gave the charge on Saturday at the coronation and presentation of staff office to the new paramount ruler in Mangu, Mangu

Local Government of the state.

The governor urged the new ruler to adopt inclusiveness in his leadership and discharge his duties diligently in line with the traditions of the Mwaghavul people.

He said, "Work with the local government council, security agencies and other stakeholders in maintaining peace and security within your domain. Because security is everybody's business, the

government expects that traditional rulers will be at the forefront of gathering intelligence for security agencies to utilise in flushing out criminals.

"I have already directed that all proactive measures be taken to ensure that no criminal safe haven is allowed in Plateau. Let me warn that the isolated attacks in parts of Mangu, Wase, Bokkos and other local government areas,

including cases of kidnappings and destruction of farm crops ready for harvesting will be dealt with severely."

The governor noted that he had been briefed by the security agencies and equally directed them to take the fight to the criminals who must be flushed out of the state by all means. The governor emphasised such action was needed so that the yuletide period was approaching.