

Decomposing body of missing Osun motorcyclist found

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Map of Osun State

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The Osun State Police Command on Sunday launched a probe into the circumstances surrounding the death of a commercial motorcyclist in the Owode-Ede area of the state simply identified as Segun.

According to sources, Segun lived in Owode-Ede with his family, where he also worked as a commercial motorcyclist.

Colleagues of the deceased said some-yet-to-be-identified persons hired him to assist them convey some bags of cement to a construction site located in a secluded part of the town.

He subsequently went missing.

Segun's decomposing body was however discovered in Oke Ayo, Owode-Ede, late on Saturday by some residents that got alarmed by the stench coming from an uncompleted building in the area.

A colleague of the deceased, who wanted to be identified as Azeez, during an interview with *PUNCH Metro* on Sunday said, "Since May 12 that he was hired by some people to help them move some bags of cement to a construction site, Segun had not been seen.

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"We searched everywhere for him. Members of his family also went everywhere looking for him but there was no luck until Saturday evening when people around Oke Ayo, Owode here, after perceiving stench from an uncompleted building, contacted the police.

"Segun's decomposing body was found facing the ground, and a bag of cement was lying close to where his corpse was discovered inside the building. Police operatives came around and evacuated the body.

"Many colleagues of the deceased are not offering services today as a mark of respect for him. It is unfortunate we lost him just like that. Commercial motorcyclists are becoming endangered species. We need more protection now, as this kind of incident is becoming rampant."

The spokesperson for the state police command, Yemisi Opalola, while commenting on the incident, said the remains of the deceased were evacuated on Saturday, adding that the command had commenced an investigation to unravel the circumstances leading to the disappearance and death of the motorcyclist.

“The decomposing body was discovered on Saturday and it was immediately evacuated. We have commenced an investigation to unravel the mystery behind the disappearance and death of the deceased,” she said.