

# Missing Ogun 12-year-old found dead after five days

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**T**HE corpse of a missing 12-year-old John Soyinka was reportedly found at Kotogbo community inside Asero Estate, Abeokuta, Ogun State on Monday morning with his eyes removed while his wrists were also said to have been cut off.

Our correspondent gathered that Soyinka was declared missing about a week ago and the incident was reported at the Obantoko Police Station, Abeokuta.

A resident of the area who pleaded anonymity told our correspondent that the young school boy was said to have vanished into the thin air after trying to check on a customer who did PoS transactions in a shop where the deceased usually assisted them but never came



• Ogun PPRO, Odutola

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The source said, "I know the boy very well, he is about 12 years old and he lived alone with his mother whom I guessed is no longer with her husband. His mother is into menial jobs like helping people to sweep and the

rest.

"The boy too was going to school but I also usually saw him at a business centre where they do PoS operations and barbing. I think he must be assisting them there. What we heard was that, last week Thursday, he said he wanted to check on a customer who did PoS transactions, apparently maybe, there was something to sort out about the transaction but the boy never came back.

"The boy and his mother lived at Olasunkanmi community and so the Community Development Association reported the matter to the District Police Officer at Obantoko Station.

"The DPO informed the police at Adigbe and Lafenwa but it was the boy's corpse that was seen at Kotogbo community just beside Olasunkanmi on Monday. The two communities are inside Asero Estate, Abeokuta. It is suspected to be a case of ritual killing because the boy's eyes were removed while his wrists were also cut off. It's an incident that has really thrown all the residents into mourning".

When contacted for a reaction, the spokesperson of Ogun State Police Command, SP Omolola Odutola, described the incident as very pathetic saying that it was painful to note that despite the fact that the police swung into action when the boy's case was brought to their attention, it was his mutilated body that was found days later inside the bush.

Odutola said, "The case is so pathetic. The DPO vigorously searched for this boy only to find his mutilated body inside the bush. The body has been released to the family for burial."

## injure in Lagos-Ibadan road crash

bridge of the expressway involving a tanker carrying kerosene which fell and spilled its content on the road causing traffic snarl and diversion to ease the free flow of traffic

The statement reads, "The crash occurred at about 0610 hrs this morning involving 15 persons and all male adults. Seven persons were injured and one person was recorded dead from the lone crash.

"One vehicle was involved with no registration on it, a Daf truck conveying both passengers and animals.

"The suspected causes of the lone crash were a burst tyre, speed which led to a loss of control and the vehicle crashed.

The injured victims were taken to Victory Hospital Ogere for medical attention."

The statement noted that the FRSC operatives managed the situation and that the traffic was diverted to the other lane in order to remove the obstruction off the road.

"The second crash at the Long Bridge involving a fallen kerosene tanker is being managed by the FRSC operatives, no death nor injury recorded from the crash.

"Another tanker has been called for trans-loading of the content, area is cordoned to avoid secondary crash and operatives placed in different points for traffic control."