

# *Okada* Man Found Dead On Third Mainland Bridge

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**W**as it an accident or a case of hit-and-run? This

was the puzzle motorists and other road users attempted to unravel yesterday as they gazed helpless at the lifeless body of an *Okada* rider on the Osborne axis of the Third Mainland Bridge in Ikoyi.

The incident, which took place at about 2 p.m., drew the

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attention of other commercial motorcyclists, auto mechanics and traders, who were also caught unawares by the strange incident. There were divided thoughts about what could have happened.

While nearby squatters claimed that the deceased, who was speeding down the bridge, met his untimely death when he attempted negotiating a bend, others countered that he must have been knocked down by a hit-and-run driver.

Though nobody saw him when he fell off the bike. It was the thud of the crash that attracted the neighbouring residents. In spite of the heavy downpour,

sympathizers rushed to the scene.

But on getting there, they realized that little or nothing could be done as the *Okada* rider has given up the ghost. Wearing a red shirt over a black trouser, his body rested motionlessly on the kerb of the bridge. None of the other bike riders seemed to know his name or recall seeing him before in the neighbourhood. Rather than help to move the body to the mortuary, the sympathisers, which also included motorists, began to retreat one after the other.

At the time of going to press, the corpse of the victim was still on the bridge with his bike lying about 100 metres away from him.