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death of Ibrahim and another person simply identified as Idowu.

Abioye said he sent a save-or-soul message to Lagos State Governor, Babatunde Raji Fashola, four days before the tragedy, but nothing was done.

Another eye witness, Mrs. Ibrahim said: "They called to tell us that someone fell inside the drainage but before we got there, the person had been removed and taken to the hospital where he died.

"Another message got to us that another person fell inside but before help could come, he had died and the corpse was taken to a private mortuary in Agege, Lagos.

According to Yisa Danjuma, who made effort to rescue them, "I went inside the drainage as soon as I got information that people fell inside it but before I could rescue them, they had died."

A survivor of the tragedy, Amidu Babatunde Owolu of 5, Kasumu Street, Okekoto, Agege, said he fell into the drainage on 23 October, 2010 but was rescued and taken to the hospital.

Another victim, Mrs. Ayisatu Ojedeje, said she fell into the drainage last month and broke her leg.

endless launchings must stop and work must begin now."

"I have been in this problem since last month. I want God to come to my aid because I have nobody to assist me," she told our reporter yesterday.

The Secretary to the Local Government, SLG in Agege said, "We have not visited the scene of the incident though the project is not being executed by the local or state government. It is a World Bank financed project."

He advised people to stay off the project site. He advised parents to keep their children off the drainage and that the council chairman would visit the site to find a solution that will prevent people from falling into the drainage.

Okada Rider Crushed To Death

PAUL SANUSI

A commercial motorcyclist popularly known as okada identified as Daniel was crushed to death by a blue Mitsubishi truck with registration number XS 700 LSR this morning.

The late Daniel was riding his Bajaj motorcycle number QV 125 AGL along Agege Motor Road, Mushin Lagos,

without prejudice to any political party or association, adding that "it is our intention to ensure fairness and to apply the rules without sentiments."

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duty of the government to allow the law take its course or allow the legal and judicial process to run its full course."

Falana, however, called on the Inspector General of Police and the Finance Minister to ignore the illegal and contemptuous resolution of the House of Representatives and allow the Ekiti State High Court to determine the legality of the dissolution of the councils by the Ekiti State government.

stopping violations committed by expatriate teachers.

"Qur'an memorising classes have not been stopped. The classes continue but only with Saudi teachers ... All expatriate teachers who work for the society have been stopped from teaching," said Abdul Aziz bin Abdullah Hanafy, Chairman of the Charitable Society for Holy Qur'an Memorization in Makkah Region.

"We received a statement from the Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Endowments, Call and Guidance ordering us to stop expatriate teachers from teaching the Qur'an. We also received orders not to transfer the iqamas of expatriate teachers to

There are other sessions that are held during the evening, but Saudis usually refuse to attend them because this is the time when people usually socialise," Hanafy said.

However, Hanafy denied reports that only Saudi students will now be allowed to attend tahfiz lessons.

He called on the Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Endowments, Call and Guidance to allow expatriate teachers to continue teaching the Qur'an until they find enough Saudi teachers.

The move to ban foreigners is generating a lot negative reactions from all over the Muslim world.

"What kind of Islamic country is Saudi Arabia? No one can understand at all. If there are no expatriates, then there is no Saudi Arabia. Saudis are lazy and swollen headed people who are making money from expatriates and enjoying the life of luxury," Mohammed said.

"And Saudis complain when they are treated unfairly in other countries branding it 'Islamophobia'. Is this the Saudi version of it? The hypocrisy is stunning. Glad I got out of there," Amin Sharrief said.

"What are these so called violations? This is simply ridiculous," Sarra said.

South West Nigeria, when he was crushed by the truck.

The corpse of the okada rider has been deposited in a mortuary while his bike and the truck that crushed him have been detained at Olosan Police Station, Mushin.

Contacted, the Divisional Police Officer, DPO of the Olosan Police Division, DSP Kayode Ojaleponwa told *P.M.NEWS* that he had not

been briefed about the accident but witnessed it on his way to the office this morning.

Ojaleponwa confirmed that the driver of the truck was being held at the Olosan police division. But he directed *P.M.NEWS* to the Lagos State Police Command Police Public Relations Officer, PPRO, for further information.