

Mutilated corpse of *Okada* rider discovered

■ Three days after his mysterious disappearance

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Members of the association of commercial motorcycle operators in Suberu-Oje, Alagbado Area of Lagos were thrown into confusion penultimate Saturday following the discovery of the decomposing body of one of their colleagues three days after he disappeared in mysterious circumstance.

The deceased, Abiola Morufu, a native of Apomu, in Isokan Local Government Area of Osun State, *Sunday Sun* learnt, was discovered to have gone missing on Wednesday, May 27, 2015 when he failed to show up hours after he conveyed two passengers to an unknown destination.

The 29-year-old rider, who was popularly known by his colleagues

as Alfa was said to have picked the two passengers from their park at Casso Bus-Stop around 10.00 am but failed to return, a development that fuelled speculation that something untoward might have happened to him.

One of his colleagues who declined to mention his name told our correspondent that other riders at the park decided to call his phone which rang out severally without any response from him.

"We also called his wife at home to know if he had gone home but the wife told us that her husband hadn't returned home since he left for the park earlier in the day. At that point we sensed that something bad might have happened to him so we constituted ourselves into various search parties and began to look for him without any luck," the source said.

Sunday Sun learnt that the report of his disappearance was

lodged at Alagbado Police Station on the same day but the group that went to the station was told to come back and re-lodge the report 24 hours after his disappearance.

However, more than 72 hours after his mysterious disappearance, his decomposing body was discovered in an uncompleted building at a deserted housing estate in the area. The discovery was said to have been made possible by a terrible stench from the area.

Sunday Sun was informed that the deceased's colleague who visited the scene upon receiving the report about the stench, could not recognize him as his body had bulged beyond recognition while the level of the decomposition the corpse had undergone made it difficult for them to really hazard a guess on how he was killed.

"We suspect that Alfa was a victim of ritual killing because when we saw his corpse it appeared that his two eyes were plucked out.

Besides that, we discovered that his throat was slit open but surprisingly there was no sign of his blood at the scene which suggests that his killers might have drained and went with his blood," the source who claimed to be in the group that discovered his corpse said.

His remains, it was gathered, were later buried on Sunday, May 31, while the deceased's wife and his two kids were said to have relocated to Osun state.

