

Restaurant attendants die of suffocation

LOKOJA — A MIDDLE-AGED male restaurant attendant and his female colleague have died in suspicious circumstances in Lokoja.

Eyewitnesses said the deceased both natives of Ososo in Edo State were 'hail and hearty' before the tragedy struck in a two-storey building on the Okene-Kabba road.

Customers who noticed that the duo had not opened for business as usual when they called in the police at about 7 a.m.

An eyewitness further said that when the police forced the door open bodies of the deceased were found naked.

It was also reported that the room had no window, while a generating set had been in use, resulting in an unpleasant odour which suggested both could have been victims of suffocation.

The bodies were later deposited at the Federal Medical Centre (FMC), Lokoja, for autopsy.

The Commissioner of Police, Mr Ibezimako Aghanya, was said to be among the early top police officers that visited the scene of the tragedy at about 8 a.m. for on the spot assessment of the situation.

An Assistant Police Commissioner, Mr J. Adedabga, led a team of security agents to control the crowd at the scene.