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## 3 brothers, fowl die mysteriously in Kogi

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**I****SANLU (KOGI) —** THREE brothers, a well that is the major source of water for the neighbourhood, and a mysterious fowl, yesterday, played roles in a tragedy that gripped bewildered residents of Isanlu, the headquarters of Yagba East Local Government Area of Kogi State.

The journey which ended tragically for the three brothers from the same family, according to an eyewitnesses account, began when neighbours employed the services of a water pump to know the source of a stench coming out of a popular well which it uses for domestic purposes.

It was at this stage that one of the deceased, identified as Makanjuola, a father of three, was asked to lower a ladder into the well and he descended into it.

But the crowd that gathered soon discovered that he spent unexpectedly long time inside the well.

His brother, Babatunde, also a father of two, was said to

have become restless and used the ladder to descend to meet Makanjuola. He also could not be heard from and did not return. Attempts to call the two of them yielded no results as there was no answer.

The last person that fell into the trap was their last brother, Dada, who vowed to descend into the well to know what has befallen his brothers, which he did. It was an endless wait and anxiety as he too did not return.

Consequently, the bewildered crowd was said to have invited a man with mystical powers who after series of incantations and ceremonies, entered the well and returned with a dead fowl with the three brothers also confirmed dead, throwing the entire community into pandemonium and mourning.

When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer, (PPRO), Onum Inalegwo, confirmed the incident.

He said the police have commenced investigation with a view to unravelling the mysterious surrounding the incident.