

30-yr-old artisan drowns repairing water pump

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LAGOS—TRAGEDY struck on Sunday night at Egbeda in Alimosho Local Government Area of Lagos State after a 30-year-old electrical technician, identified as Wale, drowned in

a well while trying to repair a pumping machine.

Vanguard gathered that the deceased died while repairing a submersible water pump in the over 40 feet deep well at about 7p.m. His body was recovered at 9p.m.

An eyewitness, who pleaded anonymity, said efforts to

rescue the late artisan by the residents proved abortive, noting that this prompted the distress call to officials of Lagos State Fire Service at about 7:35p.m., who eventually recovered his corpse.

Confirming the incident, Director of Lagos State Fire Service, Mr. Rasak Fadipe, said the deceased went into the well to remove the pump for repairs.

He said: "After succeeding in unscrewing the machine, he slipped while bringing the pump out of the well and drowned."

Fadipe noted that the occupants of the building contacted the late artisan after efforts by other engineers to repair the pump failed.

On why the fire service officials delayed in the removal, Fadipe said: "We had to call on another electrical technician to remove the pump from the well before we could recover the victim."

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