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Demolition in Lagos: Shop owner dies, another suffers miscarriage

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An 80-year-old man died, a woman suffered miscarriage, while a yet-to-be-identified lady sustained injury, when a demolition squad razed their shops and other structures within Jakande Estate, Isolo, by Lagos State Government.

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The man, identified as Pastor M. O. Sobanjo, and the lady, Chikodi Nwokoji, in her 40s, were both shop owners within the housing estate.

Vanguard gathered that Sobanjo, who had been sick for a while, slumped last Friday after the State Government announced November 1 as date for demolition.

It was learned that the demolished shop had served as source of livelihood for late pastor, a retiree, but was not receiving his pensions.

Vanguard gathered that Chikodi, who deals in frozen foods, slumped when she got to her shop on Tuesday and found it demolished.

Sources said that the two cartons of frozen foods Chikodi was carrying fell on her stomach, causing her miscarriage.

Chikodi's husband, Cyprian, lamented that she started bleeding immediately she slumped.

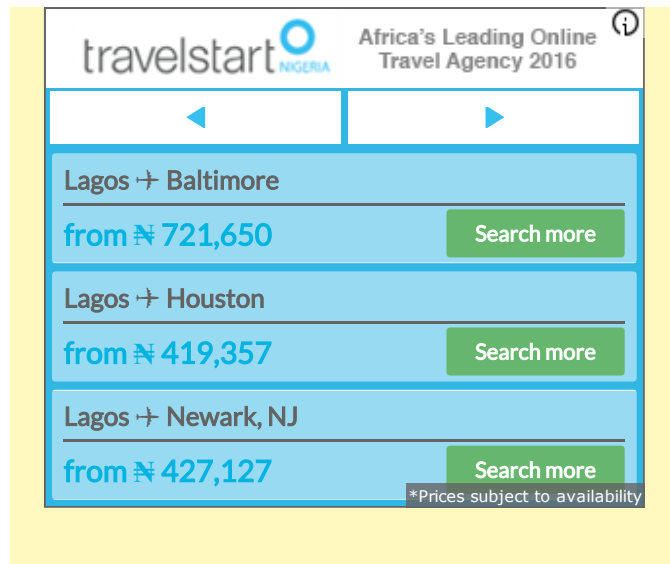
He noted that efforts by an Ire-Akari hospital to provide appropriate treatment proved abortive, saying "she was referred to Isolo General Hospital, where they believed she could get better treatment."

Cyprin disclosed that they became aware of the planned demolition last Friday and efforts to seek another location for their business proved abortive.

As the bulldozer continued to roar in the estate, demolishing more shops, Secretary of the Jakande Landlord Association, Mr. Toba Johnson, told *Vanguard* that the demolition would lead to displacement of over 12,000 traders within the estate, saying "we have about 12,000 shops within the estate."

Vanguard gathered that over 500 shops were pulled down on Tuesday at the commencement of the exercise, barely 24 hours after the residents stormed Alausa Secretariat, protesting government's planned demolition of their shops.

Efforts to reach Lagos State Building Investment Corporation, LBIC, and other authorities on the matter proved abortive, as phone calls and messages to them were not replied.



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