

'Madwoman' caught with human parts in Lagos

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● *We usually see posh cars parked close to her lair—Resident*

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LAGOS—RESIDENTS of Cele Nica, along Badagry Expressway in Ojo area of Lagos State were, yesterday, thrown into panic, following the recovery of human parts from a woman that had been masquerading as a lunatic.

The woman, according to residents, had been living on the bridge for several months. Some suspected her activities and monitored her until the startling discovery was made yesterday.

One of the residents, Arewa Sunday, told *Vanguard* that three human heads and other human parts were found in the suspect's possession, adding that she threw a mobile phone she was with into the bush on sighting officials of Lagos Neighbourhood Safety Corps, LNSC, who were contacted.

Another resident, a trader, who identified herself as Mrs Winfred Orji, explained that "I was going to the market when I stumbled on the crowd. I had to alight from the commercial bus to know what was

going on.

"To my shock, I saw different human parts: both fresh and dried ones. Sometimes, smoke would be billowing from where she stayed on top of the bridge. We concluded that she was cooking, unknown to us that she was roasting human parts.

"A man's corpse was also found there, with his wristwatch still working. Clothes, suspected to be those of her victims, were also found with her. She usually went to Vespa Market to beg traders."

Another eyewitness, Abimbola Funmi, said residents' curiosity was aroused by some posh cars that usually parked close to where she stayed on the bridge.

Funmi said: "A few days ago, a man parked his SUV there and was seen with her in broad daylight. What would a right-thinking person be doing with a madwoman?"

Accomplice smoked out, lynched

Vanguard gathered that a mob searched the madwoman's abode and lynched a man found there.

The unidentified man was suspected to be an accomplice.

The crowd set fire in an underground tunnel, which forced the man to come out.

Contacted, spokesman for Lagos State Police Command, CSP Chike Oti, said: "At about 10a.m. this morning (yesterday), we received a distress call from a resident at a community in Olorunsogo that a madwoman, who stays on the bridge, was carrying a nylon bag and on close inspection they found a human skull inside.

"While they were interrogating the madwoman, they saw officials of LNSC, who they invited to the scene. The officials rescued the madwoman from the mob, who wanted to lynch her, and took her to their zonal office at Iba.

"The Police went there and took the suspect to State Investigation and Intelligence Department, SCIID, Yaba, for further investigation.