

3 bloated bodies recovered in Kirikiri canal in 3 days

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LAGOS—THE sight of dead bodies, floating on the Kirikiri canal, Apapa, Lagos, has assumed a disturbing phenomenon, with three bodies—two males and a female recovered within three days.

These bloated bodies which usually float towards the shore of Vanguard's corporate office, emit distinct odours.

Last year, over nine bloated bodies in their decomposing states were found in the same canal, some with injuries.

Though details of the exact circumstances that led to the ugly

sights could not be ascertained, but residents within Kirikiri area told Vanguard that they could have been victims of robbery attacks pushed into the canal from the Kirikiri, Mile-2 and Festac end, for putting up resistance.

Others were of the view that some of them could have been drunk and mistakenly plunged into the canal, or that the male corpses in particular, could have been robbers who were caught, beaten and thrown into the canal.

More worrisome is the fact that none of the corpses had been identified by residents in that axis.

Last week Tuesday, members of staff of the Lagos State Ministry of Health/

Occupational Health and Safety Services came in a white ambulance with number plate KTU 514 ER, to evacuate two corpses—a male and a female—after Vanguard alerted them.

Barely two days later, they returned to evacuate another male bloated corpse.

One of the staff, Mr. Christopher Okwu, confirmed to have evacuated the bodies on two occasions, within three days.

Another member of staff, Eniola Yusuf, said the recovered corpses were in their decomposing states and as such, could not be identified.