

Death stalks French nursing home as decomposing corpses lie in bedrooms



Paris, April 12 (RHC)-- A grim report from a nursing home in the French capital Paris reveals that several bodies of the elderly who have died of COVID-19 are still waiting to be buried, while the stench of decomposing corpses sweeps through the facility.

Some 30 residents of the Jardin des Plantes nursery home -- around one-third of all the elderly being cared for in the facility -- lost their lives since the coronavirus outbreak struck the European country, Reuters, citing an unnamed employee at the home, said in a report issued in Paris.

The care worker further said that the rotting bodies had been left in bedrooms and the putrid smell was seeping under doors after the contagious disease raged through the overwhelmed facility. The report added that undertakers in the French capital were swamped by a wave of deaths across the city due to the global pandemic, noting that some corpses had laid in body bags for several days before getting the chance to be buried.

"The smell passes under the doors and permeates through the walls. Families would call in the morning, and we'd tell them things were fine. By the evening their relative would be dead and we wouldn't even

have had the time to inform them," the care worker added, describing how staff had been overrun. The employee also said that the facility's 80 staff had lacked face masks, gloves, gowns and shoe covers when the coronavirus first hit.

The nursing home is run by Paris City Hall. The report, citing an unnamed spokesperson of the hall, said that some bodies were festering inside bedrooms. Immediate measures had been adopted "to limit as far as possible this situation," the spokesperson added.

All care facilities across France are locked down and their one million residents are in isolation on government orders and cut off from their families, the report further said.

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