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Smelly barn, ruined lives

Enjoying a good breeze seems to be distant dream for residents of Al Hamala neighbourhoods



Residents fear barn could cause health issues in the area.



Foul smell caused by the slaughterhouse is making lives of residents horrible.

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● All norms are flouted at the slaughterhouse. Dead cows are left in the open. It's a breeding ground for rodents and insects, residents say.

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An awful smell have been sweeping through some of the neighbourhoods in Al Hamala, plaguing residents for a long time now.

Despite many complaints, the authorities haven't implemented any control measures to stop the noxious odour caused by a barn and a slaughterhouse in the area.

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Ms Sandro, an American national, who lives in the area, said, "I don't have



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"The current situation is unbearable, because of the pervasive smells of cow dung, or dead animals, as well as disturbing animal sounds around the clock," she said.

Safwat Abdelhakam, an Egyptian na-

tional, said he chose Al Hamala for its distinct calmness and now he plans to move out of the area as he is unable to put up with the stink.

"My house is very much near, say for instance 20 to 25 meters away from the barn and I can't describe my ordeal. My compound has become a haven for rats and other reptiles. No to mention of the annoying noise made by cows. My children are not even able to concentrate on

their studies," he bemoaned.

Mr Abdelhakam said the villagers "will have to escape to some other place if the authorities are not finding a right solution".

Rania, another resident in the area, said there are plans to open a new mosque in the area. "But how can someone peacefully pray discarding this stink?" she asked.

"All norms are flouted at the slaugh-

terhouse. Dead cows are left in the open. It's a breeding ground for rodents and insects. We are seriously worried about over children's health."

May Al Rumhi, also a resident in the area, said no-one there uses outdoor facilities at their housing compounds. "Children can't play outside. If authorities don't take action our lives are done here. The slaughter house should be immediately moved from this place."



Despite several notices, the slaughterhouse continues to function in the village.

