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South Africa 'cancels' Old Mutual after body arrives at offices for proof of death

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South Africans want to "cancel" Old Mutual after a video showing a family dragging a body bag out of the company's offices in KwaZulu-Natal went viral on Tuesday evening.



Image source: Old Mutual website.

According to several reports, the family was forced to bring the body of a deceased family member to the insurance company as proof of death, after the company refused to pay out a funeral claim.

[EXPOSE OLD MUTUAL] Family bring their dead family member after @OldMutualSA refused to pay their policy

benefit. Old Mutual's arrogance is stinking now. What a shame! May the soul of the poor person Rest In Peace. Plz Retweet. <u>pic.twitter.com/Gk2QFQWkoM</u>— White Man Confession (@ConfessionWhite) <u>November 19, 2019</u>

The video angered South Africans, who took to Twitter to express their outrage and call out Old Mutual.

*#oldmutual*Cancelling these assholes as soon as 08:30 am today

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Old Mutual clients should do the honorable thing. #CancelOldMutual #oldmutual

— Man's Not Barry Roux

(@AdvBarryRoux) November 20, 2019

<u>#OldMutual</u> what kind of rubbish is this, why should a body be used as evidence to payout a policy? We are officially canceling Old Mutual.

- Rumani® (@MrumaDrive) November 20, 2019

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I'm canceling my car insurance with them first thing in the morning <u>@OldMutualSA pic.twitter.com/WK2IaRObW0</u> — Bra (@Bra_J_) <u>November 20, 2019</u>

Time to cancel all my policies with <u>#oldmutual</u> — Ophelia (@ophelia_santi) <u>November 19, 2019</u>

Mom uses old mutual bidvest to receive her pay check but the same old mutual scammed her today and took half of her salary but they say it's an error yet they don't reverse it. She is losing her mind right now <u>#oldmutual</u> — Zintle mbunye (@Zintle66701011) <u>November 16, 2019</u>

I'm cancelling my policies first thing in the morning. #OldMutual

— The Gig Invite | Event Listing Gig Guide (@TheGigInvite) November 20, 2019

#oldmutual must be cancelled!!!

- Ndabezitha (@Mageba1835) November 19, 2019

Meanwhile, Old Mutual itself also tweeted in response to the "unsettling" video. "We can confirm that the claim was paid. Due to the sensitive nature of this matter, we will continue engaging directly with the family," the company said.

Good evening, this has been most unsettling and we are sympathetic towards the family during this difficult time. We

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