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Army confirms death of soldier attacked by slain madman in Lagos



The **Nigerian Army** yesterday confirmed the death of a soldier who was attacked by a mentally unstable man in the Imota area of Ikorodu, Lagos.

The attacker, the army said, was killed by other soldiers who intervened at the scene.

In a statement, the spokesman for the 81 Division Nigerian Army, Lt.-Col. Musa Yahaya, said the incident occurred around 4pm on November 16.

According to Yahaya, the mentally unstable man hit the soldier with a log on his head while the personnel were trying to calm a chaotic situation.

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“The attacker struck him on the head with a log, inflicting severe injuries. Other soldiers at the scene immediately intervened, neutralised the assailant and recovered the soldier’s weapon.

“The injured serviceman was rushed to the Ikorodu General Hospital, where he was confirmed dead. He was later buried according to Islamic rites in the presence of the Acting Commanding Officer and other officials of his unit.

“The Division extended its condolences to the soldier’s family, friends and colleagues, praising his service to the nation,” said the army.

It added that an investigation has been launched to ascertain the full circumstances surrounding the incident, urging the public to remain vigilant, report suspicious activities and avoid spreading unverified information while the probe continues.

