

Policeman kills colleague in Lagos

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TRAGEDY occurred yesterday at Ijeshatedo bus stop in Lagos, when a police officer attached to Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA) allegedly shot and killed his colleague.

Eye witness account revealed that the situation became tragic, when LASTMA officials arrested a commercial bus driver at the bus stop over alleged traffic offence and in a bid to rescue the driver the Policeman, who was inside the bus, alighted to plead with his colleague to release the driver this appeal infuriated the LASTMA police officer, who shot him to death.

Sensing possible reprisal attacks, the LASTMA team escaped as the Policemen attached to it started shooting sporadically to ward-off angry mobs.

"The policeman was sitting in the front seat of the bus when the LASTMA men arrested the vehicle, so he came down with them and all of a sudden, we heard gunshot and the man's leg was shattered by bullets. If you go there now you would still find pieces of bones from the man's leg scattered on the road. As soon as they shot him, they started shooting in the air and immediately they

escaped" she said.

Attempts to get the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), in Lagos State Mr. Frank Mba to react on the incident proved abortive as his phone was switched off at the time of filing this report.

Meanwhile, the Chinese Consulate has donated 10 security motorcycles to Lagos State government. This is coming as Governor, Babatunde Fashola (SAN), yesterday reiterated his administration's commitment to its mandate of zero tolerance for crime saying criminals in the state must be overtaken and brought to justice.

Fashola, who spoke at the Lagos House, Alausa, Ikeja, when he received 10 Jincheng security motorcycles donated to the state government by the Chinese Consulate in Lagos said in order to achieve the mandate, his administration will continue to invest in security to always be ahead of the criminals.

"The investment in security does not finish. The criminals are daily devising new strategies and plotting new ways to achieve their aim. We must be ahead of them; we must overtake them and bring them to justice", Fashola said.

Urging other organizations to donate to the State's Security Trust Fund, the

governor declared, "Crime is a global phenomenon which has no boundaries. If there is crime anywhere in the world, it affects other parts as well. So it is in our enlightened interest to fight crime".

He thanked the Chinese Consul General in Lagos, Mr. Guo Kun for the donation saying, "You have shown that apart from being a representative of another country, you are also committed to the security of our state. You have shown a sense of belonging. "Whether we are black or red or white, no matter the colour of your skin or what part of the world we belong, we share one thing in common, our planet. Our relationship must, therefore, be mutual, progressive and passionate", Fashola added.

The governor commended the Police and other security agencies in the state for their "total commitment" to the security of lives and property in the state, saying that the price for security is eternal vigilance from all and sundry.

Fashola also commended the Board of Trustees of the State Security Trust Fund, saying the Fund was not only the backbone of security in the state but has become a model which was being emulated not only nationally but also internationally.