



Jungle Justice : Okada killed man in Kubwa for alleged stealing of motorcycle

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FOR attempting to steal a Yamaha motorcycle fondly called, Baja, a middle-aged man simply identified as Awal, was at the week lynched by members of the Motorcycle Riders Association in Kubwa, a suburb in the Federal Capital Territory.

The incident occurred when the deceased attempted to steal a motorcycle, belonging to one of their members.

An eye witness, who spoke to Abuja Reel on the incident stated that the jungle justice was meted out on the victim at about 9:35pm, in Kubwa village where the market, is located.

The eye witness, a salary grade level-10 officer in the Ministry Transport, further told our correspondent that he met the incident while coming back from his place of work.

According to him: "I suddenly heard this group of men, shouting thief! Thief! And when I turned, I saw them pursuing a young man, with sticks and I quickly ran to one side of the road for safety."

"When they caught up with him, they all gathered and beat him up, even when passers-by pleaded with them to stop and hand him over to the police, but they refused, until he eventually passed out and they left him there in his own pull of blood."

He also explained that when he asked one of the men how he was caught, he said the man snatched a motorcycle from one of their members around Arab junction and the victim immediately alerted them before he was caught.

Similarly one Emeka a Ikenna who confirmed the incident also said that there has been frequent cases of Okada theft along Kubwa /Arab road and that most motorcycle riders are always afraid of conveying passengers to the area, because they might snatch their motorcycle from them.

Attempt by Abuja Reel to get to the root of the matter could not yield much result as the police station in Kubwa when contacted refused to give details of the incident but a police sergeant who our correspondent spoke to confirmed the report of the incident.

He however, warned that his identity and the discussion should be treated as anonymous saying that "Yes, that the case was reported, but they are still investigating on the matter".



VISIT... Vice President Namadi Sambo (l) and Chief Authur Eze at a Visit of Chief Eze and Coal Investors on a Visit to the State House Abuja Yesterday.
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Poor driving culture, major cause of road mishap in FCT — Minister

MINISTER of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Senator Bala Mohammed has identified poor driving culture as well as indiscipline as being responsible for the incessant roads accidents in the nation's capital.

Bala while flagging off the 2011 "Operation Sanity" at Kura district of the territory the territory, directed security agencies especially, the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), the FCT Directorate of Road Traffic Services (DTRS) and the Nigerian Police Force (NPF) to come up with a workable plan for punishing traffic offenders, noted that the malaise of reckless driving must stop.

The Minister also urged the security agencies to liaise with his Administration in order to enforce the restrictions on movements of tankers and trailers within the Federal Capital City (FCC) at peak hours of the day.

According to him, "on our part as a responsive government, we shall continue in the pursuit of a multi modal transport system to ease the pressure on the roads as well as the actualising the

on-going efforts to provide an efficient mass transport scheme through the railway services".

Senator Mohammed lamented that despite government huge investment on the provision of pedestrian bridges, pedestrians in the Federal Capital Territory hardly make use of these facilities.

The Minister further lamented that motorists prefer indiscriminate parking instead of the designated locations; parents encourage underage driving and even car racing on public roads; while most motorists drive against traffic with active connivance of passengers.

He reiterated that the FCT Administration will continue to place premium on the development of road infrastructure in the Federal Capital City as evident in the massive road reconstruction, rehabilitation and dualization works going on in the Capital City without ceasing.

Senator Mohammed observed that these efforts with accompanying huge financial investments by the FCT Administration on road rehabilitation may not have translated to corresponding safety on our roads.

In consonance with the Road Map of his administration and the Transformation Agenda of President Goodluck Jonathan, he expressed the commitment of the FCT Administration to partner with all security agencies to rid Abuja of prevalent road crashes.

The Minister emphasised that in his personal capacity as a resident of FCT and his official capacity as the FCT Minister, he

is concerned about the misuse of our roads as well as the huge human and economic capital wasted through share wanton behaviour, indiscipline and complete refusal of Nigerians to obey simple traffic rules and regulations.

Speaking earlier, the Corps Marshal and Chief Executive of the Federal Road Safety Commission, Osita Chidoka remarked that "Operation

Sanity" is an attempt to redress the ugly traffic problems in and around the Federal Capital Territory to reduce avoidable waste of human lives and property.

He stated that FRSC has trained 350 officers to specifically embark on this special operation which is intended to be 24 hours to redress all traffic anomalies.

Operation keep Abuja clean: Group donates 300 Waste Bins to government

THE Innoson Group, which also owns the biggest plastic company in the West African sub-region, over the weekend in Abuja presented 300 pieces of assorted plastic waste bins valued at over N10 million to the FCT Administration as part of its own contribution towards proper sanitization of the Abuja environment.

Leader of the Group, Mr. Fred Nwosu, who represented the Chairman/CEO of

Innoson Group, Mr. Innocent I. Chukwuma, OON, had told the FCT Minister, Senator Bala Mohammed that the waste bins were donated by the Group to the FCTA as its token of appreciation for the good works being done in Minister in the nation's capital.

The Permanent Secretary of FCTA, Dr. Nathaniel Olorunfemi, who received the items on behalf of the FCT Minister, Senator Bala Mohammed expressed the sincere appreciation of the

Administration to Innoson Vehicle Manufacturing Company for the kind gesture and goodwill.

He said the waste bins which are in three sizes and shapes are as good, if not better than the imported ones. He therefore expressed delight that the manufacturing of the products locally would save the country foreign exchange which otherwise would have been lost through the importation of the items.