

Man stabbed to death over bottle of beer

A middle aged man, Mukaila Azeez was on Sunday stabbed to death by his childhood friend in Osogbo, Osun State.

The incident occurred in a cool spot at Ita-Olokan area of Osogbo where the two friends were relaxing. Sources said Mukaila and one Taofeek Hassan who is now helping the police in the homicide case met at the beer parlour where they exchanged pleasantries.

However, tragedy occurred when Taofeek decided to leave the venue and bade his friend goodbye but Mukaila insisted that he should buy him a bottle of beer before leaving.

Taofeek however complained that he had no money left on him and that he should be patient till another time.

The pleading did not go down well with the deceased who insisted that he should be given a bottle of beer which later led to a scuffle between them.

It was further gathered that during the scuffle, the deceased was stabbed and this led to loss of blood and eventual death.

Realising that Mukaila had slumped, other customers at the beer parlour fled the scene for

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Osogbo**

fear of being arrested.

The owner of the beer parlour later reported the matter to the police who came to remove the body of Mukaila to the hospital where he was confirmed dead.

The police later made a man hunt for the suspect who was arrested in his compound the following day. A source said the cooperation of people of the

area assisted the police to track down the suspect who had gone into hiding immediately after he realised that his friend was dead.

Police Public Relations officer, DSP Joshua Olayemi confirmed the incident, saying the suspect had given useful information to the police and would be charged to court soon. Speaking from police cell, Taofeek confessed to the crime, saying he did not know what pushed him to stab his child-

hood friend.

He said he went to the beer parlour to relax after recovering from a three week illness.

"I took a bottle of beer and was about leaving when he came in. He insisted that I should buy him a bottle of beer.

We then had a scuffle during which he died. I did not intend to kill him. It is unfortunate" he sobbed. He pleaded with the government to have mercy on him as it was not intentional.

Truck drivers cripple port business in Lagos

**From Adelanwa Bamgboye,
Lagos**

Truck drivers under the umbrella body of Road Transport Employers Association of Nigeria (RTEAN) operating at the Tin Can Port Tuesday crippled port business over alleged extortion and intimidation by the Federal Road Decongestion Taskforce.

As early as 10:00am the drivers armed with green leaves trooped out in hundreds protesting along the Tin Can Port access road and gate.

The drivers said that the taskforce members were taking advantage of the lack of parking space to extort money from them. They alleged that some officials of the Lagos State Transport

Management Agency, the police and Navy collect between N10,000 and N15,000 from them.

According to Mr Victor Uche, a RTEAN task force member, the former parking space allocated to the divers at the port had been sold by the Nigeria Ports Authority to the Port and Terminal Multi services Limited.

"The road decongestion task force will come to where we park and deflate our tyres and in some cases forcefully carry our battery away for ransom", he said.

He alleged that NPA security operatives collect N200 from

them before they could gain access to the port. Said Uche: "Before now were relocated to Kirikiri terminal phase II but the management of the authority sold the place to a shipping company called SDV.

"Now where they said we should go cannot accommodate 14 trucks talk less of 900 trucks".

Before the protest, a circular was issued by the management of Tin can Island Port that no transporter or agent of vehicle owner would be allowed into the terminal

It added that any security operative that permits the entry of a motor apprentice transporter or okada operator into the terminal will be penalized.