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A corps member serving in the Federal CapitalTerritory (FCT) was yesterday afternoon killed at Lugbe, in a scuffle between commercial motorcyclists (okada riders) and members of a taskforce setup by the Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA).

The corps member, Jeremiah Bulus, who served at the Ministry of Environment, was waiting for a commercial vehicle along the airport road when he was caught in the middle of the brawl.

An eyewitness said some commercial motorcyclists in the area laid ambush in a bush for the taskforce members, who had earlier come on a similar operation to impound their bikes.

He explained that when they sighted the taskforce van, the okada riders threw stones and heavy objects at them and in the process, one of the objects hit the corps member on the head and he fell into unconsciousness.

The witness said the corps member with the assistance of a policeman was rushed to the Wuse General Hospital, from where he was referred to the National Hospital because of his critical state.

At the National Hospital, City News learnt that doctors at the emergency ward of the hospital battled to save his life but he died shortly after he was attended to.

A hospital source described the corps member's condition as critical due to the extent of injury on his head and loss of blood, adding that there was no way he could have survived.

Spokespersons of the Directorate of Road Traffic Services and the Abuja Environmental Protection Board said they were aware of the incident, while the coordinator of the FCT National Youth Service Corps, Mr Paul Obong Attah said he was informed about the incident.

He said the corps member was caught in the middle of an ambush between okada riders and members of a taskforce.

Mr Attah informed that he was going right away to Wuse General Hospital to get details on the incident from the hospital authority.

"I am on my way to Wuse General Hospital to confirm whether the deceased was from my zone or not and I will get back to you," he added.

Efforts to reach the FCT police commissioner as at press time proved abortive as his line kept ringing without response.

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