

# NEWS

## Murder of bus driver: LASTMA officials escape mob attack

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There was pandemonium at Ojodu Berger, a popular terminus for commercial vehicles in Lagos State, yesterday when officials of the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASMA) were alleged to have beaten a commercial bus driver to death.

Our reporter, who was at the scene of the incident at the time, observed four LASTMA officials racing from the Lagos-Ibadan expressway end into Ogunnusi Road, while passengers from the commercial vehicle that the deceased driver drove were giving them a chase, shouting, 'stop them, stop them'.

A passenger in the commercial bus told City News that the bus had stopped for some passengers alight when LASTMA officials confronted the driver and started hitting him.

"Suddenly the driver collapsed on the steering and stopped breathing. Immediately that happened, the officials fled the scene.

"We got down and started shouting, but nobody understood us and the LASTMA officials succeeded in running away."

Some mobile police officers, who were stationed at the Ojodu Berger junction, dispersed the mob but they did not bring out the LASMA officials who had taken refuge in the building.

When City News contacted the management of LASTMA, they denied knowledge of any death from such incident at Ojodu Berger.

"I can confirm to you that the driver is alive and we did not book the vehicle and normal activities have resumed at the scene of the incident," he added.

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