

# Man beats *okada* rider to death in Ogun

**From Peter Moses, Abeokuta**

Operatives of Ogun Police Command have arrested 40-year-old Michael Salako for allegedly beating a motorcyclist, popularly known as *okada*, to death during an altercation at Lafenwa, Abeokuta, the state capital.

It was gathered that the suspect was arrested following a distress call received by the Divisional Police Officer at Lafenwa headquarters.

The police were alerted that an *Okada* rider had been beaten to death at Sanni Street, Lafenwa in Abeokuta North LG.

The police spokesman, Abimbola Oyeyemi, on Sunday told newsmen that the DPO, Samuel Aladegoroye, mobilised his men and moved to the scene where the suspect was arrested.

He said, "On interrogation, the suspect, who claimed to have known the deceased in their community, told the police that he asked the deceased to take him somewhere with his motorcycle the previous day but the deceased refused.

"He (suspect) stated further that when he saw him on that fateful day, he was trying to ask him why he refused to take him

out the previous day and that led to a fight between them.

"While the fighting was going on, the deceased collapsed and died."

Oyeyemi said the remains of the victim simply identified as Abudu have been deposited in the morgue for autopsy.

The police publicist quoted the Commissioner of Police, Edward Awolowo Ajogun, to have ordered the immediate transfer of the suspect to the homicide section of the State Criminal Investigation and Intelligence Department for further investigation.