

# Sokoto Butcher Killed By Amotekun

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**A 65-year-old butcher from Sokoto State was reportedly killed at Ilora area in Afijio Local Government Area of Oyo State by Amotekun operatives.**

The butcher identified as Malam Ibrahim hailed from Wurno Local Government Area of Sokoto State and was said to have lived with his family in Oyo State for over 30 years.

Speaking to *Daily Trust* on phone, a friend of the deceased, Aliyu Sankira Bintisau, said the deceased was murdered without any justification.

“Last Wednesday, around 5pm, his customer who has been in the livestock business called him to buy a goat that was slaughtered because of sickness.

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“He went to Kara market (livestock market) , bought the goat and put it inside sacks.

“On their way back, Amotekun operatives intercepted them and Ibrahim explained to them how the goat was bought.

“They ignored his explanation and started beating him and the Okada man.

“They beat Ibrahim to the state of coma after which they took them to the market where it was confirmed that it was not a stolen goat.

“They then decided to take them to the hospital for treatment but Ibrahim died along the way.

“This is the kind of jungle justice meted out to northerners living in the state by the Amotekun operatives.

“We want the state government to do something about it and ensure the killers of Ibrahim are brought to book.

“We are also appealing for support to his family because Ibrahim had spent a greater part of his life contributing to the economic development of this state,” he said.

Another butcher and friend of the deceased’s son in-law, Hassan Bodinga said he had known him in the area for over 30 years.

“He has three children, two girls and one boy. One of the girls is married to my friend here in Oyo.

“We were told that four of the operatives were arrested and taken to Ibadan for prosecution but we don’t know whether it is true or not,” he said.

*Daily Trust* learnt that the deceased was buried in accordance with Islamic rites.

When contacted, the state Commander of Amotekun, Colonel Olayanju Olayinka (rtd) said the suspects were apprehended and handed over to the police for investigation.

“Are you talking about what happened in Afijio? We have handed over those they said were involved to the police.

“I don’t want to talk about the issue because the police are investigating the matter. You can call them to know what exactly had happened,” he said.