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# Policeman Stabs Trader To Death Over Bottle Of Beer

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**T**HERE was pandemonium yesterday at Iyana Ipaja in the outskirts of Lagos as a Mobile Police Inspector, attached to MOPOL 20 Squadron, Ikeja, Lagos, stabbed a trader to death for refusing to buy him a bottle of beer.

The killer cop had a misunderstanding with the slain trader at a restaurant, after which he pulled out a jack-knife and sent his victim to an early grave.

The killing is one among

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several cases known to have been perpetrated by men of the squadron, who have gained notoriety for extra-judicial and accidental killings.

Recently, a Sergeant, attached to the same squadron, shot to death a 52-year-old man at a hotel on Allen Avenue, Ikeja, Lagos.

"The attitude of the squadron and its leadership has become a source of worry to the Police," a source

said.

An eyewitness at yesterday's killing, Mr. Folorunsho Attah, urged the force's high command to shelve sentiments and overhaul the squadron, which he described as "notorious and full of trigger-happy policemen".

The killing coincided with the visit of the Commissioner of Police in charge of the Mobile Police Force, Philemon Leha, who was in Lagos to lecture officers on the need to serve the public

with dignity.

He was, however, saddened by news of the killing, which caused a prolonged fracas and traffic snarl, especially on the busy Lagos-Abeokuta Expressway.

Attempt to speak with the Squadron Commander proved abortive. He said: "I don't want to see journalists."

Meanwhile, the Commissioner of Police, Yakubu Alkali, has ordered investigation into the killing.

## Queen's College Old Girls' Association Celebrates Founder's Day

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**T**HE Parent Body of the Queen's College Old Girls' Association (QCOGA) is set to celebrate 84 years of excellent girl-child education. A Luncheon to commemorate this day is scheduled for Sunday, October 16, 2011 at The Harbour Point in Victoria Island, Lagos and this event is set to bring together old girls of the school from all parts of the world to honour their alma mater. According to Chioma Ola Nwaeze, Secretary of the QCOGA (Parent Body), the Association will also use the occasion to create awareness about the state of the school and the need for all old girls to unite and improve the school as it unveils the "QC of MY dream" project.

This event is coordinated by the Class of '79 and will feature project presentation; a short documentary film and an unusual raffle draw with exciting prizes.

There will be lots to eat and drink, mingling, catching up with old friends and dancing. Colour of the day is all shades of blue & white. Enquiries should be directed to 08023133012 while tickets to the event are available for only N5,000 from Imelda on 08088660378 at the QCOGA Secretariat in Queen's College, Yaba; from Aisha Usman on 01-4756896 or at the venue on the day of the event. There is also opportunity for companies, business organisations and other interested parties to display their products and services at the venue.