

Man stabs friend to death in Ogun

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- Activist advocates training of security officers to curb extrajudicial killings

A 28-year-old man, Oni Olo-
hunwa has been arrested
by men of the Ogun State po-
lice command for stabbing
his friend, Baraka Taiwo, to
death, during an argument.

A statement by the com-
mand's spokesman, Abim-
bola Oyeyemi, yesterday
explained that the deceased
and the suspect who were
close friends attended a
party. "In the course of the
party, the deceased was said
to have got drunk and
started misbehaving and
while the suspect was trying
to caution him, an argument
ensued.

"The suspect later brought
out a knife and stabbed him
(victim) and was immedi-
ately rushed to the hospital
where he died. The suspect
has been charged with homi-
cide."

Meanwhile, the Commis-
sioner of Police, Bashir
Makama, has ordered the im-
mediate transfer of the sus-
pect to the homicide section

of the State Criminal Investi-
gation and Intelligence De-
partment for further
investigation and prosecu-
tion.

In another development, a
soldier, Private Akhigbe Tij-
jani, was yesterday paraded
by the police in Yobe State. Tij-
jani was accused of raping a
young girl in front of her par-
ents in Buni Yadi, Yobe.

Tijjani was also said to have
forced the girl's brother to
have sex with one of his sib-
lings. He bashed the boy's
head with a pestle when he
refused to be forced to com-
mit the incest.

Tijjani, attached to 27 Task-
force Brigade was on a cor-
don-and-search operation
when he entered the girl's
home and allegedly raped
her in front of her family.

Spokesperson of the police
in the state, ASP Abdulmalik
Abdulahfiz, said Tijjani
forced the girl's brother to
have sex with his sister.

"When the boy refused, Tij-
jani used a pestle and hit
him in the head," Abdulhafiz
said.

Tijjani was reported to the
military by a colleague on
the cordon-and-search oper-
ation prompting his court-

martial and dismissal.

**Also yesterday, gunmen
shot dead a man simply
identified as Alhaji after rob-
bing him of the sum of
N700,000 along PTI road in
Effurun, Uvwie Local Govern-
ment Area of Delta State. The
deceased had made some fi-
nancial transactions at a new
generation bank where the
gunmen accosted him.**

The gunmen had trailed
and robbed the victim of the
said sum after he left the
bank at Jakpa Road. It was
gathered that the victim was
shot dead by the gunmen for
daring to scare his attackers
with a dagger.

When contacted, the Delta
State Police Public Relations
Officer, DSP Onome
Onovwakpoyeya, confirmed
the report.

Meanwhile, the South-West
Zonal Coordinator, National
Human Rights Commission
(NHRC), Lucas Koyejo, has
said lack of knowledge for
human right is fueling the
rise of extrajudicial killings

and harassment of citi-
zens by law enforcement of-
ficers in Nigeria. He said this
is because the security officers
are not well trained on their
roles in upholding human
rights, which is why they
violate the rights of citizens.
Lucas stated this yesterday
during a sensitisation
training workshop for
officers of the Lagos State
Neighborhood Safety Corps
organised by the Nigerian
Policing Programme (NPP)
in partnership with the
NHRC and state government.

He said security opera-
tions should undergo training
and retraining to ensure
they are kept abreast with
their roles and the essence
of their jobs in respect of
people's right.

Also speaking, the com-
mander, Lagos Neighbor-
hood Safety Corp, DIG Israel
(rtd), said policing is a
complex, which requires
training for the safety
maintenance of law and
order in all the neigh-
borhoods across Lagos State
as well as respect human
rights.

