

Touts Chase Two Pedestrians To Death In Lagos

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Two persons were killed recently in Lagos after some touts chased them into a moving mini-bus popularly called danfo while trying to arrest them for failing to use the pedestrian bridge while crossing the highway.

The tragedy occurred at the Cele Bus Stop, along the Oshodi-Apapa Expressway in Lagos.

Daily Independent gathered that the duo were among the several other people who failed to make use of the footbridge, but rather ran across the expressway.

However, they were unaware that some persons said to be agents of the Oshodi / Isolo Local Government Council had laid ambush in a bid to arrest recalcitrant pedestrians.

Reports said as they dashed to the other side of the road, the 'local government officials' pursued them and in the process two of the pedestrians ran into a moving vehicle.

The victims, who were all men, died on the spot. Their identities, however, could not be immediately ascertained.

The touts, it was gathered, took to their heels after the accident.

Daily Independent learnt that a similar incident occurred at Ilasamaja Bus Stop also along the Oshodi-Apapa Expressway late last year when the touts pursued a pregnant woman who eventually ran into a moving vehicle which knocked her down.

Frantic efforts by sympathisers to save her life failed as she died some few hours later.

According to reports, several other people had either been killed or maimed in the past in similar circumstances as a result of the activities of the touts along the highway.

Residents said the touts normally extort between N500 and N2,500 from victims caught crossing the expressway.

Those who could not afford to pay money instantly are usually put in detention and later taken to customary courts where they would be sentenced to jail, but with options of fine.