

Minister of Information, Labaran Maku (left), former Governor of Ogun State, Olusegun Osoba (middle), and Chairman, Punch Newspaper, Wale Aboderin, at the 30 years memorial service in honour of the newspaper's founder, late Olubunmi Aboderin, in Lagos on Sunday.

Pandemonium in Lagos as Total GM kills his driver

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THERE was pandemonium in Victoria Island area of Lagos on Monday when a General Manager with Total Upstream Nigeria Limited, Lefe Bure, allegedly shot his driver, killing him on the spot.

The deceased, Mohammed Sanusi, was said to have been shot by his boss after a brief argument.

A staff of the company, who hinted Daily Independent of the development, said Bure, who hails from Paris in France, had always been intolerant

and highly aggressive to the Nigerian workers ever since he resumed duties in the company seven years ago.

The source, who spoke on conditions of anonymity, said: "The incident occurred around Akin Olugbade Street, off Adeola Odeku, Victoria Island, Lagos.

"You see, we are being used as slaves here. The expatriates will always threaten to shoot us at the slightest provocation. They are intolerant of we Nigerians here.

"That Bure is always in the habit of threatening to

shoot those working with him.

"The reason why I'm raising the alarm now is that I know that the company will want to come up with another story about the cause of Sanusi's death, but the truth is that he was shot by Bure," the source stressed.

Sanusi, who hailed from Ilorin in Kwara State, is said to be married with kids.

When contacted, Public Affairs Manager of the oil firm, Charles Eberenwa, said he has not been briefed in respect of the development and that it

would be difficult for him to refute or confirm the veracity of the incident.

He said: "I'm not aware of the development. The appropriate authorities are yet to communicate anything of such to me.

"Maybe by tomorrow, I will get details but for now, I don't have anything to that effect," Eberenwa said.

Attempts by *Daily Independent* to get the reaction of the Lagos State Police Command to the story proved unsuccessful as the telephone line of the spokesperson was switched-off.