

# We Save Lives, But We Are Not Safe – LUTH Doctors, Students

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*Protesters (inset) Stephen*

A medical doctor working with the Lagos University Teaching Hospital (LUTH), Stephen Urueye, was killed by armed robbers at Idi Araba area of Lagos State.

His death has led to protest both on Twitter and the streets of Lagos.

The protesters, consisting of both medical students of the University of Lagos and doctors working at LUTH, lamented that they are striving to save lives but their own lives are not safe.

The victim was one of the graduates from the University of Lagos (UNILAG) who participated in the school's convocation held on Wednesday in Akoka.

He was attacked by suspected robbers on Thursday night and was rushed to LUTH where he later died.

Chike from Hellocare@ChikeMD said: "One minute you're alive and full of promise, next minute you're dead, killed by people who don't place a premium on human life."

Uncle Ruckus@EgbuSweet narrated: "Oct 2011. Came from nothing. Went through hell, just to find a legitimate hustle. He became a man in my eyes. He was my roommate and brother, and I loved him. I can't even begin to describe the loss, I can't imagine what his parents are going through."

BelladonnaMD@bellisima007 shared a similar experience, saying: "Early 2013, I was robbed at gunpoint along the same canal road opposite LUTH. One of the robbers pressed the cold metal of the gun against my cheeks while saying 'shey u dey feel am?'

"Lots of people especially students and LUTH staff have been robbed on that road. It's sad that this young colleague had to lose his life over a situation that was entirely preventable.

"He did not lose his life, his life was stolen from him. Think about it, they're 2 different."

'Mide M.D @thequeenayo said: "He dedicated his life to saving the lives of others. Only to have his snatched by a bunch of miscreants. How can we save lives when we are not even safe? This is madness!"

'Gbenga@Adanzy17 added: "These hoodlums at Idi-Araba have robbed and stolen from us for years now. Last night, they killed one of us. They killed my friend. They need to be stopped, please."

OSH@oshoalaridwann lamented that "The handsome young man worked hard for seven years to save lives, only to be failed by a government who has refused to secure the life of its citizens. He was killed and there were reports of a robbery in hostels too on convocation day. This is bad."

Papi Dave @davidanochie\_mourned, saying: "You spent a good part of your life learning how to spend the rest of your life saving other people's lives without any security for your own. It wasn't you – doctor, it's the system."