

Demented Man Clubs Okada Rider To Death In Abakaliki



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ABAKALIKI – Tragedy struck in Abakaliki, the Ebonyi State capital, on Saturday as a demented man killed a commercial motorcycle operator, identified as Elias Ofoke.

Eye witnesses said the incident happened at Udensi bridge in Abakaliki, when the mad man reportedly clubbed Ofoke to death after he had dropped a passenger.

The late Ofoke was said to have hailed from Agbaja Unuhu in Abakaliki Local Government Area of Ebonyi State.

The mad man, it was gathered, had in the last two weeks, constituted a nuisance in the area, causing panic as he moved around with dangerous weapons.

It was also gathered that members of Neighbourhood Security Watch had earlier made futile attempts to arrest the mad man.

According to the eyewitness who pleaded anonymity, the late Ofoke had dropped his passenger, and while he was about to take off from the spot, was suddenly accosted by the mad man, who hit him on the head with a log of wood, leading to the rider's death.

Reacting, the Divisional Police Officer (DPO), Kpirikpiri Division, SP Chris Anyanwu, who confirmed the incident, advised members of Okada riders union in the area provide more background information on the mad man, even as he said the police was on top of the situation.

The state chairman, Motorcycle Transport Union, Ebonyi State chapter, Comrade Paulinus Atam, lamented the incident, adding that the union had never recorded such since his tenure.

He called on the state government to round up all mad men in Abakaliki metropolis to prevent such occurrence in the future.

While condoling with the bereaved family and the members of the union, Atam stressed that they should not take the laws in their hands, but would allow security agents to do their work.

The state Commissioner for Internal Security and Border Peace, Chief Stanley Okoro Emegha, stated that the matter had been reported to the police, assuring that justice would be done.

A nephew to the deceased, Opoke Innocent, said the victim was married with six children, and called on the state government to come to the family's aid as his death had created a big vacuum which would need the intervention of both the government and the union for the survival of the bereaved family.

Meanwhile, the body of the victim had been deposited at the FETHA 1 mortuary, Abakaliki, while the wounded mad man was taken to the police clinic for medical attention.



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