

Bolt Drivers, Others Protest Gruesome Murder Of Member In Bayelsa

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Some groups of App-based commercial transporters and BOLT drivers marched through Yenagoa, the capital of Bayelsa state, on Friday to protest the gruesome murder of a BOLT driver, Mr. Emmanuel Eden, by unknown gunmen.

Protesters marched from Tombia junction through the state capital, armed with placards with various inscriptions such as "Stop Harassing Bolt Drivers," "Bolt Drivers are Breadwinners of a Family," "We Need Better Security," "No to Brutality Killings," and "Gov. Diri, Come to Our Aids," pleading with the state government to take the necessary action to bring justice to the deceased family.

Members of the Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ) and some civil society groups participated in the protest against insecurity and a call for more proactive and professional security personnel in the state.

One of the protesters, Jolly Adomokeme, told Saturday INDEPENDENT that they are marching peacefully against their member's gruesome death and demanding justice.

According to Adokeme, "Though it is said that the police are our friend, there are still some bad eggs among them who are constantly committing acts against civil members of society.

"Police should do their jobs and stop harassing Bolt drivers and passengers.

"The police should also stop the unnecessary extortion of our passengers."

Another driver, Goodness Okure, said they are out to call on the Nigerian Police and the Bayelsa State Government to thoroughly investigate and arrest those behind the heinous killing of their colleague.

She also revealed that the late Emmanuel Eden left behind a young family, including a wife and two children.

It should be noted that the bolt driver, Emmanuel Eden, was shot dead on May 29, 2025, at Samphino Junction on the Kpansia axis of Yenagoa, the state capital.

Passers-by discovered the middle-aged driver's lifeless body inside his vehicle in the morning and alerted the police, who cordoned off the scene.