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## Soldier Kills Bus **Conductor Over** N100

An angry soldier killed a commercial bus driver in Lagos yesterday over N100 transport fare.

LEADERSHIP gathered that the soldier identified to be a private in the Nigerian Army was in mufti when he boarded the bus with his wife at about 7am.

An argument ensued between him and the conductor, identified as Bashiru Adebayo, over how much he should pay.

The soldier was alleged to have dragged the conductor and beat him to death at Obalende area of the metropolis.

A man who identified himself as Alhaji Sule disclosed that the soldier was accompanying his wife who was travelling to their village to the garage when the argument ensued between him and Adebayo.

Sule explained that the victim did not know that the man was a soldier when they were arguing. He said it dawned on him that the man he was challenging was in the military after the man said he would show him that he is a soldier. He said he called him 'a bloody civilian'.

Another man who claimed to be an eyewitness said people begged the soldier to stop beating the conductor but all their pleas fell on deaf ears. "Now the soldier is regretting his action. The driver did not even talk to the soldier until he began to beat the conductor and eventually killed him. The victim told the soldier that they usually collect N100 as transport fare. The soldier disagreed, saying the amount was on the high side. The soldier began to punch the victim and he died on the spot." As a result of the incident, hood-

lums and other sympathisers, including transporters attacked the soldier but he escaped death by the whiskers. LEADERSHIP gathered that in a bid to save her husband from being lynched, the soldier's wife was said to have escaped to the Dodan Bar-

racks and reported the incident. A group of soldiers were drafted to the

scene and immediately the civilians saw them coming, they took to their heels. The Director of Army Public Relations, 81 Division, Lt. Col. Omale Ochuagwuba, said that the soldier had been arrested, adding that the

army has intensified investigations into the matter.

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