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An accident scene at Gbagada, Lagos State.

Woman Dies Mysteriously In Taxi

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An unidentified middle-aged woman commuting from the Area 3 Junction, Garki to Lugbe area of Abuja in a taxi, last Thursday, died mysteriously while the taxi was still enroute her destination.

The incident occurred at about 10pm, along the Umaru Musa Yar'Adua way, popularly called Airport Road.

The visibly distraught taxi driver, Mr. Ocheje Sabo, who spoke with LEADERSHIP, said the woman alongside other passengers boarded the vehicle at the Area 3 Junction to Lugbe and while they were on

the way the woman started coughing profusely before she died.

"The woman suddenly started coughing on the way to Lugbe and asked for water and I gave her the water I had in the car and she asked for more after she finished the one I gave her but, there was no more to give her. She started saying 'I will not die' but before we got to Lugbe bus stop she started foaming in the mouth and became lifeless," he narrated.

Officials of the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) stationed at the Federal Housing Authority (FHA) Lugbe Junction development, who were alerted

about the incident came to the scene and were said to have carried the lifeless body of the woman, accompanied by the driver and men of the police to an undisclosed hospital.

Another taxi driver who witnessed the incident, Emeka Onyeekwena, said the woman had already lost consciousness and was foaming in the mouth when the taxi she was commuting in go to the FHA bus stop.

A student of the University of Abuja, who preferred anonymity, who also witnessed the incident, speculated that the woman may have been poisoned or suffered a spiritual attack.