

MURDER: Man Stabs Peacemaker To Death

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Tears flowed freely from the eyes of family members and sympathizers in Ajgunle area of Lagos State yesterday when one of two fighting men stabbed a peacemaker to death.

LEADERSHIP gathered that two men were quarreling and their quarrel later degenerated into a fight.

Kunle Abiola, who was their neighbour at Ayodele street, allegedly pleaded with one of the fighters identified simply as Chinonso to stop the scuffle, reminding him of the consequences of fighting.

One of the eye witnesses who identified himself as Ibrahim Adeoye explained that Abiola never envisaged that Chinonso would come after him because he was only a peacemaker.

However, Chinonso rushed inside their boys' quarters apartment and appeared with a sharp knife.

"He stabbed him in the jaw and chest. policemen attached to Ajgunle police station were called and they swiftly arrived at the scene. Chinonso was arrested and policemen drove the victim to the general hospital at Awodiora, in Ajgunle. Before they arrived in the hospital the victim had given up the ghost. The doctors checked his body and confirmed him dead. Everyone of us began to cry," he narrated.

Abiola was a carpenter and had his workshop very close to the Ajgunle police station. He is survived by a wife and a child.

Our correspondent was at the station when policemen brought the corpse of Abiola to the station. He was tall, dark in complexion and handsome.

A police sergeant who spoke under the condition of anonymity said, "We know the carpenter. He usually worked for us at the station. He was very nice and friendly and we never heard that he had any quarrel with anybody."