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Segun's lifeless body in the foreground

Sallah tragedy: 27-yr-old man stabbed to death

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THE Eid-el-Kabir celebration in the Odoshiwola area of Epe, Lagos State, last Saturday ended abruptly on a tragic note when a 27-year-old man, Segun Alatishe Boccas, was allegedly stabbed to death by one Nafiu, now at large. Panicky residents were said to have hurriedly halted the festivities and deserted the streets in the wake of the pandemonium that trailed the incident.

The Nation gathered that the deceased was in the town to celebrate Sallah with one of his friends called Tunji, when he met his gruesome death. It was revealed that hoodlums led by Nafiu had threatened to deal with Tunji and his friends, following a tussle over a lady called Barakat.

The residents claimed that the hoodlums had accosted Segun when he was accompanying an unidentified man to purchase some drinks from a shop in the town. An eyewitness, who identified herself as Olayinka, said Nafiu and his gang had laid an ambush for Segun and stabbed him on several parts of his body with knives.

"The late Segun slumped in a pool of his blood after he was seized and stabbed with knives by Nafiu and members of his group. I believe that Segun would have survived if he got help immediately but residents ran into their homes for safety and did not come out to rescue or take him to hospital." Olayinka said a sympathiser was prevented from rescuing the deceased by some members of the local vigilance group in the town.

"A man called Lukman Olopade tried to rescue Segun but was prevented by two members of Muwon Vigilance Group in Eredo Local Council Development Area. Segun died while two men were beating Olopade for daring to save Segun's life. A source, who spoke in confidence with our reporter, explained that Nafiu had accused Tunji of harbouring his estranged wife, Baraka, who allegedly left his home following a disagreement.

"Nafiu had accused Tunji of harbouring his wife who allegedly eloped from their home with their two-month-old baby following a domestic disagreement. He was said to have become suspicious that Tunji was having an affair with his wife. Tunji's mother had even reported the matter to the police at the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID), Panti, Yaba, Lagos, when some people started threatening to deal with

his son over the matter," Olayinka said. Meanwhile, the body of the 27-year-old deceased, who hailed from Ikosi-Ejinrin Local Council Development Area of Lagos State, has since been deposited in the morgue of Ijebu Ode General Hospital.

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The Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Kenneth Nwosu, a Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP), confirmed the incident, saying: "The incident is true. One Nafiu, 30, who is now at large, actually slit the throat of Segun Alatishe Boccas, 27, with a kitchen knife on Sallah day in Odoshiwola, Epe, in retaliation for harbouring one Tunji, whom he accused of eloping with his estranged wife.

The scene of the incident had been visited by police and photographs have been taken by our men from Epe Divisional Police headquarters. "We have so far arrested two members of a local vigilance group, who allegedly prevented people from rescuing Segun during the attack, while two other suspects are currently being trailed by our men. Although, the main suspect is currently at large but serious efforts are being made by our men to apprehend him. The body of Segun has been deposited in Ijebu Ode General Hospital and the case is still under investigation," he added.

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