

# Soldier shot in Lagos dies

## • Another military man killed in Rivers

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the military man, identified as Darlington Worehu, on Saturday night in Obelle community, Emohua council of the state.

The deceased was said to have recently returned from a military training.

But some sources said cultists disguised as OSPAC members killed the soldier.

A source in the area said they heard gunshots and woke up

on Sunday morning to learn of Darlington's murder.

An uncle of the soldier, Israel Anele, said his nephew, who was serving in Niger State, was on his way home on Saturday night when he tried to settle a problem between OSPAC members and some of his relatives.

He said: "He was my brother. He just completed his training into the Nigeria Army and just came back to the community to rest before going for full service."

## Five die while excavating sand in Kano

THE Kano State Fire Service has confirmed the death of five people trapped under a heap of sand at Yanlami Village in the Bichi Local Government Area.

A statement issued to newsmen by spokesman of the fire service, Alhaji Saminu Abdullahi, on Sunday in Kano, said the incident occurred on Saturday morning.

"We received a distress call from Bichi Fire Station that puddle trench has covered five people. We sent our rescue team to the scene at about 11:05a.m.," Abdullahi said in the statement.

"The victims were trapped while working in a puddle trench to get sand with the intention to help their friend, who was about to marry, build a house. Part of the sand collapsed and covered them and they died subsequently," Abdullahi said.

He said that the recovered bodies were handed over to the police and the village head of Yanlami.

**A** SOLDIER, Private Obafemi Peter Adetayo, allegedly shot by operatives of the Department of State Services (DSS), has died in Intensive Care Unit (ICU).

Adetayo was said to have been shot at the weekend at Elegushi Beach by an unidentified operative when he attempted to bring out his identity card from his pocket.

A relative of the deceased said on social media that Adetayo was shot in the stomach, adding that the DSS has threatened the soldier's family to keep quiet on the incident.

He wrote: "I lost a brother today. He was a soldier. Boko Haram didn't kill him, Bandits didn't. He didn't die on the war front. He was shot in the stomach by DSS in Lekki when he attempted to bring out his ID card.

Again, Nigeria failed its own. My God! He was so full of life. An amazing soul, he was always smiling.

"The DSS is threatening his elder brother to die (kill) the matter," he wrote.

Spokesman for the 81 Division of the Nigerian Army,

Major Olaniyi Osoba, said a joint investigation panel has been constituted to unravel what led to the shooting.

He said: "Yes, it is true that one of our soldiers was shot in controversial circumstances around the Lekki general area. He was evacuated immediately for medical attention while a joint investigation is ongoing to ascertain what led to him being shot.

"Sadly we lost him this (yesterday) morning. Appropriate action would be taken at the end of the investigation."

When contacted, the DSS said their men were not at the scene.

A soldier was also reported killed in Rivers State.

Gunmen suspected to be members of Obelle Security Planning and Advisory Committee (OSPAC) allegedly killed