

# Police in Lagos mourn death of Constable bitten by fleeing detainee

**T**HE Ilupeju Division of the Lagos State Police Command is mourning the death of a Police Constable, Olawale Akinlotan, attached to the Ilupeju Division.

Akinlotan was said to have slumped and died on Monday while on duty at his station where he served as an orderly to the Divisional Police Officer.

While the cause of his death remains yet a mystery, the graduate of Mass Communication from Moshood Abiola Polytechnic, Abeokuta, Ogun State was said to have died a few days after he was bitten by a detainee who was trying to escape from custody.

He was said to have helped in apprehending the fleeing suspect who, in the process, bit his shoulder, fingers and other parts of his body.

The deceased policeman was said to have made light of the incident while posting the

videos of the incident on Tiktok on October 19 with the words: "Job hazard. Thank God for life. Human bite is worse than scorpion/snake venom."

Prior to his posting to the Ilupeju Police Division, Akinlotan had served as one of the media men at the Lagos State Police Public Relations Office.

Born in 1996, Akinlotan enrolled in the Nigeria Police Force as a constable in 2018.

He had first worked at the Isheri Division after which he worked very closely with AIG Hakeem Odumosu (rtd), attached to the PRO office as a camera/media man.

His death has since sparked controversy within the ranks of the Nigeria Police Force with complaints by some of his colleagues that policemen are being overworked and given little or no time to rest.

One of them was quoted as saying: "They

won't give us time to rest. Nobody cares about our health at work. Even when you are sick, they would tell you to bring a medical report before asking you to go and treat yourself.

"You work many shifts a day. They won't approve annual leave for us. Tell me how officers won't continue to drop dead.

"It's sad we keep losing officers to avoidable circumstances."

