

Soldier stabs man to death over bus fare

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A soldier, on Thursday in Lagos, stabbed one of the passengers in a bus to death during an argument between him and the bus conductor.

The incident happened at about 10am at Ahmadiyyah bus stop on the Lagos-Abeokuta Expressway.

According to an eyewitness, the soldier, whose name was given as Private Osho Solomon, had a disagreement with the bus conductor over transport fare.

While the conductor said the fare was N40, the soldier was said to have insisted that the passengers must pay N30.

As the argument continued, one passenger, identified as Sola Olusola, reportedly intervened and appealed to both the soldier and the conductor to save other passengers' time.

It was learnt that the soldier got infuriated and drew his jackknife with which he stabbed Sola many times.

The victim collapsed as blood oozed out of his body ceaselessly. Other passengers and passers-by immediately grabbed the soldier before he could escape from the scene.

The soldier with number 203NA/53/694 and identity card number 7026530, was said to have been manhandled before he was rescued by some policemen who were attracted to the scene.

He was immediately taken to the Meiran police station from where he was taken to the General Hospital, Ikeja, for medical attention.

Shortly after the incident, enraged people in the area were seen attacking anybody in uniform, especially policemen.

The people had thought that the suspect was a riot policeman since his shirt had been torn and he was left with his trousers and a black T-shirt.

Although an attempt was made to take the victim to a hospital, he died before he could receive any medical attention.

The corpse had been removed and deposited at a public mortuary.

Deputy spokesman for the Lagos State Police Command, Mr. Olayinka Egbeyemi, an assistant superintendent of police, confirmed the incident to our correspondent on Thursday.

Egbeyemi, who said the case was being investigated, noted that the suspect could not have been a policeman as the people thought, going by his ID card and number.