

Fracas as LASTMA official kills motorist in Lagos

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FRACAS broke out on Monday evening around Jakande Estate, opposite Texaco Filling Station, Ejigbo, a suburb of Lagos when an official of the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority allegedly caused the death of a motorist.

The incident brought to two the number of Lagosians who died allegedly in the hands of LASTMA officials in the last three weeks.

An eyewitness told our correspondent on Tuesday that the deceased, whose identity could not be immediately ascertained, was driving a commercial bus when he was stopped by a LASTMA official simply identified as Adesina.

During the disagreement that followed, Adesina was said to have pushed the driver until he fell inside a nearby drainage.

The driver, who was suspected to have hit his head against the concrete wall of the drainage, reportedly died on the spot.

Consequently, a mob made

up of eyewitnesses and other commercial drivers reportedly attacked the LASTMA official.

He was said to have been beaten to a state of coma before the arrival of policemen who were drafted to the scene from Ejigbo Police Station.

The policemen thereafter recovered the corpse and deposited it at the mortuary of the Isolo General Hospital while the LASTMA official was also

admitted at the Emergency Unit of the same hospital.

The Public Relations Officer of the Lagos State Police Command, Mr. Frank Mba, confirmed to our correspondent on Tuesday that a case bordering on public disorder was reported in the area.

He said he was still expecting details of the incident and would get back to our correspondent later.

On February 26, 2010, a

LASTMA official identified simply as Ganiyu, allegedly beat a 34-year-old trader, Chidi Ofomata, to death at Oke-Afa in Ejigbo-Isolo.

Ganiyu was said to have hit Ofomata, who was riding a motorcycle at the time, three times on the chest with his belt.

The trader was said to have collapsed immediately and was confirmed dead on arrival at the Isolo General Hospital.

We only served contravention notice ex-commissioner's radio station

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THE Special Adviser to the Governor, Bureau of Urban and Physical Planning, Ogun State, Chief Kayode Adebayo, has denied that the contravention notice served on a radio station, *Rock City FM*, owned by the state former Commissioner for Information and Orientation, Mr. Niran Malaolu, was informed by political consideration.

Reacting to the petition sent to the state House of Assembly by the management of the

organisation, Adebayo said the bureau only served the contravention notice to warn the operators of the station to comply with laid down regulations on the change of use of its building.

This came on the heels of the payment of N500,000 by the state Bureau of Lands and Survey three days after the assembly threatened to sanction the Director-General of the bureau, Mr. Gbenga Ogunnoiki, for refusing to pay the said sum after an out-of-court settlement

brokered by the House.

Ogunnoiki and Chairman of the ad-hoc committee on the out-of-court settlement, Pastor Remmy Hazzan, confirmed the payment of the sum to our correspondent on Monday evening.

The broadcast station had petitioned the Assembly, intimating to the lawmakers of a threat by the state Urban and Regional Planning Board to seal off the premises of the radio station, located inside the Asero