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Inspector General of police,  
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There was confusion in Kaduna on Saturday when a policeman allegedly killed a printer.

The victim, Elisha Joseph, 40, according to an eyewitness, was said to be making peace between a policeman and a prisons official (their identities could not be ascertained at press time) involved in a traffic offence.

The development forced hundreds of youths to barricade the Lagos Roundabout and all entrances leading to Magaji Garin Police Station, protesting the death of the printer.

Commuters, commercial motorcyclists and residents of the area scampered for safety thinking it was another crisis while youths displayed green leaves, demanding immediate justice over the killing of Joseph.

Our correspondent gathered that trouble started at about 1pm when a prisons official and a police man were arguing about their rights on the road.

It was learnt that both of them were driving in opposite directions along the Forcados/Bonny streets in the heart of the city; just as both of them claimed to be on the right lane.

While an argument ensued between them, the deceased reportedly left his shop and went to meet both men. He was said to have admonished the prisons official and the police man to calm down as they were both security men.

Infuriated by Joseph's comment, the policeman reportedly asked the printer who made him

a judge over the case and hit the printer on the stomach and head repeatedly.

The eye-witness who pleaded anonymity said, “After hitting him, the policeman dragged Joesph into his vehicle. People were shouting that the policeman should leave him alone. He left him and the deceased, stood up and went to the hospital for a check-up. He died in the hospital”

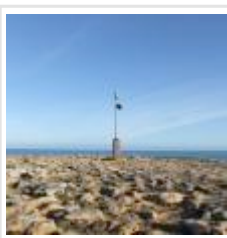
When contacted, the Kaduna State Commissioner of Police, Olufemi Adenaike simply said, “As a journalist, go and do your investigation very well, no policeman beat him, no policeman hit him, he was foaming in the mouth, I think he is diabetic. He took himself to the hospital and died there.”

Father of the deceased, Mr. Kunle Joseph said, “I am devastated over the death of my son, and as at the time of talking to you, I have not seen the body. I am presently in a state of confusion. There is no action that will bring him back to life but we want justice to be done.”

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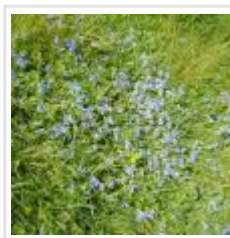
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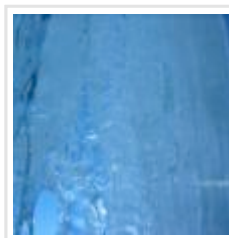
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