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The Toyota Highlander SUV. Inset: Korie
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A trader who witnessed the killing of a driver, Santos Korie, by policemen in the Mushin area of Lagos State last Thursday has said the policemen opened fire on him because he drove against traffic.

The witness, Tayo Odunlami, told *PUNCH Metro* that the driver, Korie, who was earlier described as a foreigner, but had now been properly identified as a Nigeria, was not the sole occupant of the vehicle.

Odunlami added that his younger brother was also present.

Narrating what occurred on the fateful day, Odunlami said, "Around 7am last Thursday, I was carrying out the weekly market sanitation at Daleko Market when I saw a silver-coloured Toyota Highlander Sports Utility Vehicle coming from Ilesamaja direction.

"On getting beneath the bridge and driving towards Mushin, he noticed that there was a roadblock due to construction and he claimed he did not know the alternative route to take so a newspaper vendor advised him to reverse and drive against traffic, make a U-turn and then ascend the Daleko Bridge.

"He drove against traffic and as he was about making a U-turn to ascend the bridge, he was accosted by the policemen.

"The policemen were talking to him, but he was smiling and did not roll down his window. The next thing I heard were four gunshots and everyone fled. The man's car continued to move probably because he had taken his legs off the brakes. The vehicle then rammed into the side of the bridge, damaging the car."

PUNCH Metro investigations revealed that the killer policemen were attached to the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority.

The witness told our correspondent that the policemen, however, came in without LASTMA officials in a commercial bus which had been seized from its owner and then used it to carry out an illegal operation on that particular day.

He said the surviving occupant of the vehicle had reported the matter at Area D Command.

He said, "The policemen usually work with LASTMA under the bridge and due to the ongoing construction, motorists are usually allowed to drive against traffic. The policemen wanted to extort money from people that morning. That was why they came in a commercial bus and not the LASTMA van.

"After they killed the man, they fled and some commercial motorcycle riders chased them but they shot into the air to scare people away. They then jumped on a motorcycle and fled.

"Meanwhile, the other occupant of the SUV came down and started crying for help. We then advised him to go and report the matter at Area D. The Area Commander, Omololu Bishi, arrived at the scene but by then, the man was already dead."

It was learnt that some foreign passports were found inside the deceased's vehicle, which made people to initially believe that he was a foreigner.

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However, our correspondent who visited the scene on Saturday learnt that he was a Nigerian whose real name was Onyekachi Korie.

PUNCH Metro had reported on Friday that two policemen, Idu and Ameh, as well as a tout, Sunday Sylvester, had been arrested by the police and transferred to the Special Anti-Robbery Squad.

A police source at SARS told our correspondent that the killer policemen had written confessional statements.

The source said, "The murder was a case of police extortion that went out of hand. However, there will be no cover up on the matter as we have arrested both killer policemen as well as those who have been engaging on illegal traffic duty."

The police source told our correspondent that the suspects confessed that they usually engaged in illegal duty between 5am and 7am.

He said, "The police suspects said they usually seized commercial buses and then used it to extort money from people early in the morning before LASTMA men come for morning shifts. Sylvester also confessed that he had driven the policemen on over 10 illegal operations.

"He said after arresting traffic offenders, they would take them to a corner and negotiate a specific amount of money and then release them. He said offenders were never taken to LASTMA office because they would need to register the case and by so doing, they would not make any money."

However, the police spokesperson, Ngozi Braide, had said the killers might have been hired killers in police uniform. She, however, confirmed that arrests had been made.

Our correspondent, who visited the Area D Command on Saturday, saw the deceased's vehicle with registration number, EH778FST on the premises.

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Punch, was the headline " police kill foreigner for driving against traffic" published before the victim was properly identified as a Nigerian? It seems using the word " foreigner" would make the paper catchy" Some of us lay readers might do better. Some of you are just farmers.

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Annie → Farmer • 3 months ago

You people are deviating from the subject matter. A life has been lose whether foreigner or Nigerian. Also, if u all claim to be educated,then u should have observed that the FOREIGNER was in single quote.

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Ahmed → Farmer • 3 months ago

Punch, please wake up! After confirming before going to press that the victim is actually a Nigerian and not a foreigner, yet you went ahead and published in the headline that a foreigner was killed. What kind of journalism are you exhibiting?

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El realista → Ahmed • 3 months ago

Because mentioning a "foreigner' might lead to more sales for them. This is a mediocre journalism!

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Guest → Farmer • 3 months ago

yeah, if the man was later identified as a Nigerian, why should PUNCH published this as "police killed a foreigner"?...is this not inciting violence?...for those that may not bother to read the complete story.... Well, may the soul of the innocent victim, rest in peace...

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PRINCE, INDIA → Farmer • 3 months ago

Punch you are useless, just ready the headings and the story. punch please stop making urself a fool. i don't think these punch writers went to school. fools

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Okene boy → PRINCE, INDIA • 3 months ago

The trader even identified Toyota highlander sport, I'm quite sure d person said 'a jeep'. Horrible! Horrible punch!!

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concern → Okene boy • 3 months ago

regardless of what d headline says; another evil child of biafra narcotics dealer off the street of Lagos. Lawless evil children of satan. Weldone police

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Mykel → concern • 3 months ago

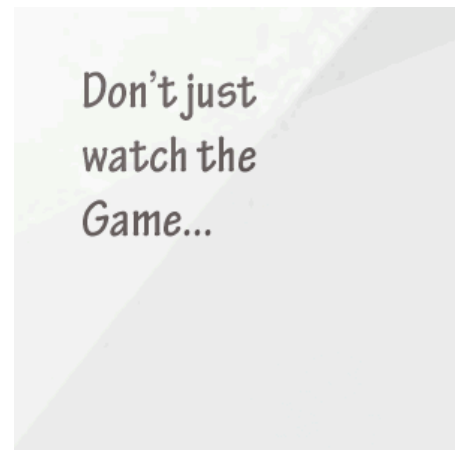
Mennnn! I can't imaging somebody praising the evil committed by the police. So if somebody is lawless the best punishment to give him is to kill him? You are the most useless and callous being I have ever seen and don't let me pray that you and your kind will suffer the same fate.

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patrickT → concern • 3 months ago

ure the most worthless person on earth...pray that no member of your family is killed like that if you have any family at all...urs will be more brutal may be gradual demented death as you agonized the pain you pass thru.



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Pat → concern • 3 months ago

@concern for saying this,i place a curse on you and your family...You will be murdered in cold blood like this man and you will never reach his age, if you have reached his age, your children would not....UNLESS YOU SINCERELY REPENT.

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Don Pedro → Pat • 3 months ago

@Pat; And the people say Amen. I say to "concern" that you are an evil man. Everyone that you meet this year shall be like yourself.

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Henry Asede → concern • 3 months ago

Can't you think reasonably? We are talking of a human being here, where is your civility?

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Onyearmy → concern • 3 months ago

For saying this, I have placed an indelible course on you. From this day, your life will be as unstable as the leaves on a tree branch. The day you will die, your corpse will never ever be recovered. Your remaining descendants will become destitute for ever...Amen

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Kehinde → concern • 3 months ago

@concern, you are sick in the head.

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El realista → concern • 3 months ago

Dumbass!

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domnze → concern • 3 months ago

This goat is worse than BH and should not identify himself or itself as a Nigerian. This faceless idiot calling himself 'concern' must be an assassin.

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Edu → concern • 3 months ago

i thought punch do moderate some postings, why did they not block this stupid posting by this retarded concern. Anybody who is happy for the death of another person is not worth to live.

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concern → Edu • 3 months ago

free speech its what is called. And no one should pretend that there's nigeria a one nation. There's none frankly when d half bred biafran president can grant amnesty to his kinfolk thats is blatantly corrupt. check out d czech republic; their president was impeached for treasonable offence for doing exactly d something badluck jonathan did. He granted amnesty to thieves and he is being currently prosecuted. The evil blood of his mother biafra in him has totally poluted his being human. Badluck jonathan is a curse to nigeria. Goooooooooooo! with d evil biafrans if u dear, we in the south west Yorubas, Hausas and d Fulanis in d North will not shed their blood to save u from the enslavement of biafrans this time around. Evil biafrans are not

nigerians; they are just tolerated squaters. U must always be happy when light overcome darkness, when good prevail against evil. The evil biafrans don't give a damn about human beings and thats why they infest our land with narcotics and fake pharmaceuticals killing millions enmass. That is evil and evil must be damned by all means. Go home evil biafrans, we dont want u in our land bcos of your ways of life

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oluwo ashape ola → concern • 3 months ago

Free speech, but uncommon wisdom! Concern, If you drink water, born of a woman, and blood flows in your vein, you will never reach his age, your days shall be like the chaff and the east wind will blow you into the thin air, and your name shall never be remembered. Your sweat shall be like blood and your bones like sponge. CONCERN is not your real name, but because you breath air and walk on sand this curses shall find you and meet you, the same rain that brings comfort will bring bitterness to you. The land and sea will reject your life and your death, and animals shall make a feast of your body soon, to! to! to! Ase gun! Oloshi omo were! O ni se orire!

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peace peace → concern • 3 months ago

Weldone police, 4 murder, just bcos he is from d part of d country u despise. That untimely, n violent death remember. U dis year

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Sangodina Abiodun Michael → Farmer • 3 months ago

kindly apologise to the nigerian farmer.

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Mykel → Sangodina Abiodun Michael • 3 months ago

Why should he apologise? Apologise for correcting Punch Newspaper for their contradicting headline. The person that needs to apologise is that stupid man that called himself CONCERN.

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Not-a-foreigner → Farmer • 3 months ago

Please stop insulting farmers!

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Nze • 3 months ago

Most Nigerian police are corrupt. To avoid being a culprit, better settle at the spot and then claim your right later. Most of them behave like rogues and are uncultured. It is all as a result of the decay of our nation starting long long in the past. Did anyone hear again about what happend at the police college which Jonathan visited?

The whole place is still messy and unkempt. What do you expect the products of such institution to be.

We are yet to get the right man to fix this nation. Shame to tribalism!

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El realista → Nze • 3 months ago

And shame to the attitude of settling them on the spot, and claiming rights later on. A man is not going to fix the nation, but a collective efforts of the citizens. What is the difference between you, and the corrupt cops, when you believe that it is better to bribe them? Just saying...

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Nze → El realista • 3 months ago



Settling is not the right thing at all but what you got to do at the spot to save your life. Have you met a trigger-happy police man? Never argue with him. Ultimately giving you the chance to live and then fight back through the appropriate channel if there is any.

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Abdullahi Emeka Adedayo • 3 months ago

Police force is a disgrace to our country..i willl never forget what they did to me. they seized my new laptop and refuse to give me their phone numbers in order for me to go and bring my receipt. they forced me and the driver of a commercial bus to give them 2thousand naira before they left me. most of the are thieves and ill mannered

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robbie2010 → Abdullahi Emeka Adedayo • 3 months ago

it is only in Nigeria a policemen will ask for receipt for laptop. Is that their stupid business? I was once asked for receipt for a wristwatch. most of them are so uncultured. and let us call a spade a spade , many are also into criminal activities

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AA → Abdullahi Emeka Adedayo • 3 months ago

and Nigerian youths should be brave enough to use their phones and other devices to cover these kind of situations, they wont even see u whole because they are always so engrossed and immersed in the 'activities'. we can always upload for imbeciles like Ngozi Braide, beauty without brain, to see that they re neither hired-killer nor armed robbers but the MEN OF NIGEIAN POLICE who are on a mission to kill innocents citizens and set pipeline vandals, robbers, miscreants and corrupt politicians free... God is watching. Imagine, that man, a bread winner for a family is dead just like that...and nothing can/will be done...less I forget ...let the trial of those killers be made public ...SARS also can sell us out #justsaying

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ken • 3 months ago

"The killer policeman might be an assassin in police uniform" what a stupid and irresponsible word to cover up for a criminal when it has been reported they usually mount road blocks in the area and that the culprit has been arrested, is she trying to tell us he hasn't been identified as a police cop after writing a confession statement. Npf should be overhauled too many foolish and happy trigger fools paid with our tax money, stories like this make mi never want to visit that country again.

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pz → ken • 3 months ago

They've overhauled them with "UNIFORM "

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Tunji → ken • 3 months ago

let establish a new force to take over from police, Non of them is in right sense. how can braid look for excuse for killer police. She is an idiot

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tegtteg → Tunji • 3 months ago

Maybe braide was braiding her stupid and dirty hair when she made d comment. yeyeye LS PPRO

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BBC • 3 months ago

OBVIOUSLY THE POLICE SPOKESPERSON IS AN ILLITERATE,TO IMAGINE HIRED KILLERS WILL ENGAGE IN EXTORTION,IT IS A WELL KNOWN FACT,THAT THE NIGERIAN POLICE OFFICERS ARE ACTUALLY ARMED ROBBERS IN GOVERNMENT UNIFORMS,WELL,JONATHAN EBELE GOODLUCK CAN GRANT THEM AMNESTY

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**debola** • 3 months ago

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**mallam** • 3 months ago

ngozi braide,don't worry when the the police of which u are one of them put bullet in ur mother and fathers head then u will also say that they are hired killers.these are the same people that confesses that they are into extorting morning from people here u want to defend the police of which u are one of them,don't worry ur turn will soon caught up with u some day.

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**Farmer** → mallam • 3 months ago

she is an idiot!

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**Nnamdi** • 3 months ago

"Hired killers?" Ngozi Braide should watch it. Each time she opens her mouth, irresponsibility is represented.

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**Emma** • 3 months ago

This is not an assassination it is a usual occurrence in Lagos road , every motorist has witness this the reporter is exempting the LASTMA they work hand in hand extorting motorist even this morning go to Jakande estate in ikotun axis there are notorious police men there extorting the people over a minor offence in the name of Lagos new traffic law, Fashola please take note there is too much Babylon in the state .

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**jman** • 3 months ago

Please IG sack the dat ugly Ngozi braide..

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**Afeez Alade** → jman • 3 months ago

Ngozi is not ugly o.In fact she is very beautiful.

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**trecumngdotcom** • 3 months ago

This story really look dodgy and lacks professionalism, Punch has better reputation and shouldn't be publishing unconfirmed hearsay especially online where it is read globally. It plays a lot on the reputation of Nigerians in diaspora, please verify details very well before publishing. The story lacks logical reasoning, "they came in a commercial bus.....were running while commercial motorcycle chase them and suddenly got a bike to jump on from nowhere to escape"..... And besides at this very sensitive period with BH issues, I don't think any sensible driver will drive against traffic, refuse to wind down glasses when stopped, moved further from the spot and expect not to be fired at.....those are actions comparable to what is expected of a suicide bomber.....you won't even try it in US or Europe and expect to go free when there is high alert.

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**pz** → trecumngdotcom • 3 months ago

If you don't want to develop hypertension, just read the story and make out the gist. As for grammar or journalism, FORGET IT

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**REALLY ANGRY WT OUR YEYE GOVT** • 3 months ago

commenting is like waste of time. it does not mean the police will stop their illegal arrest and robbery, i didn't know the reazn why our govment will give guns to an illetrate human being call police. 85 percent of them are tout. they are on the road 15 hours a day in ibadan looking for their prey..bora and gulf. bayo iyaganku, nosa police post apata, and newly rouge set of police in oluyole station in IBADAN.. SMH

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**dirty police fools** • 3 months ago

They are so much powerful at law abiding citizens,Go after Boko haram members and not law abiding citizens,what powers has a police man to take a tax payers money,does he know how much he deprived this country by killing this man?Jonathan seams to be so weak on this killing issues,where is that power monger Abubaka who threatened to cleans the police force of these foolish and illiterate killers.why not give policing jobs to the teaming Nigerian graduates who are looking for work,instead of these idiots who think they are of the same level; with the Nigerian soldiers why are they allowed to carry guns in the first place,illiterate police men should be mandated to handle baton and not guns.they shouldnt be allowed to get close to guns,most of them are pure drunks and igbo smokers.fools,idiots,barbaric cowards.

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**Celtics1** • 3 months ago

After they killed the man, they fled and some commercial motorcycle riders chased them but they shot into the air to scare people away. They then jumped on a motorcycle and fled...NIGERIAN POLICE FORCE!!

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**Pastor James** → Celtics1 • 3 months ago

Untrained and ill trained police .The law should take its cause.

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**pz** → Pastor James • 3 months ago

which LAW! In NIGERIA? unless the victims are GEJ"s cousins

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**Lanre** • 3 months ago

To all young people, 9ja is not safe with crazy police that doesn't value life. Indeed home is where you feel safe and respected. There are many other places that you can really feel at home order than where you were born. Living in other safer countries now, some of us feel more cared for and more respected than 9ja where any gun-touting police or armed robber can kill you with impunity or kidnapper can grab you. My brother/sister, there is nothing more fulfilling than peace in ones life. So, I will take any peaceful and safe country as "home". And I advice you, if you can leave 9ja today, leave! Our government doesn't take care of its young people and your life expectancy will be short-lived!

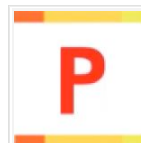
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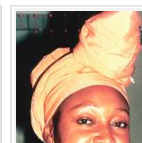
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