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Man killed over disagreement on chickens

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The Lagos State Police Command has apprehended two men over the murder of one Gbadamosi Tabra, who was killed in the Epe area of the state.

According to Police authorities, Gbadamosi was killed following a disagreement over the ownership of two chickens.

PUNCH Metro learnt that trouble started after Gbadamosi and three others, Musa Sumaila, Usman Garuba and one Yahaya; had a misunderstanding over the chickens. It was learnt that the argument led to a brawl.

Our correspondent learnt that Gbadamosi was injured and was later rushed to the Epe General Hospital where he was declared dead.

It was learnt that due to the nature of the case, the doctor on duty informed the Divisional Police Officer, Epe Division, who then sent his men to the hospital.

Sumaila and Garuba were said to have been arrested immediately, while Yahaya fled.

Our correspondent learnt that following Gbadamosi's death, some of his relatives protested and demanded that his body be released to them so he could be immediately buried according to Islamic rites.

A police source said, "Most times, when there is any death, especially one resulting from murder, it is the duty of the hospital to keep the corpse in the mortuary after which an autopsy will be conducted.

"However, Gbadamosi's colleagues, who are all Northern Muslims, demanded that the corpse must be given to them or they would wreak havoc. That was why the hospital called us."

Police Public Relations, Ngozi Braide, told *PUNCH Metro* that efforts were on to arrest Yahaya.

She said, "Around 9pm last Thursday, the DPO Epe received a call from Epe General Hospital that three men brought Tarba to the hospital. They were said to have fought over the ownership of two fowls.

"Tarba died before doctors could even attend to him. Two of the men were arrested while the third, one Yahaya, escaped. The matter will be transferred to the State Criminal Investigation Department, Yaba for further investigation."

Braide said normalcy had been restored in the area.

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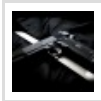
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