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**Sympathisers**

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Market women, friends and sympathisers on Wednesday converged on Queen Street in the Oyingbo area of Lagos State to mourn the Chairman, National Union of Road Transport Workers, Yaba Unit, Babajide Dosunmu, a.k.a *Mados*, who was killed by some yet-to-be identified gunmen.

Forty six-year-old *Mados*, who was also said to be the Vice Chairman, Lagos Mainland branch of the NURTW, was reportedly shot dead at the back of his house by the assailants while parking his car.

PUNCH *Metro* learnt that the incident happened around 8pm on Tuesday, shortly after the deceased returned from his office on Cemetery Street. The gunmen, it was gathered, had trailed him from the office.

He was said to have been felled by a bullet that hit him in the leg when he attempted to run for his life. Not done, the gang allegedly shot him in the buttock, while another bullet pierced his heart region, leaving him in a pool of blood.

Our correspondent, who visited the area, observed that the incident had created panic as commercial activities in the Oyingbo area were partly grounded as of 1pm on Wednesday.

A resident, Alhaja Nike Tiarniyu, said *Mados* was rushed to a nearby hospital, but was declared dead on arrival. She added that policemen from the Denton Police Station had visited the area.

She said, "When I heard the shots, I thought they were fireworks until a few minutes later when my daughter rushed in and said *Mados* was shot. On getting outside, crowd had gathered, trying to save him. His cloth was full of blood. One of the bullets tore his leg. Another one hit him from the back and left a hole in his chest. He later died at a hospital.

"It is very painful. *Mados* was generous. He assisted the people with money. His corpse will be buried in Ikorodu today (Wednesday) according to Islamic rites."

Some transport workers, who declined to give their names, said the father of six was killed by a rival group in a bid to take control of motor parks in the Tarmac area, Oyingbo, which were under *Mados*. They, however, did not name the group.

One of them said, "We know who did this. He escaped a similar attack last week and now they have killed

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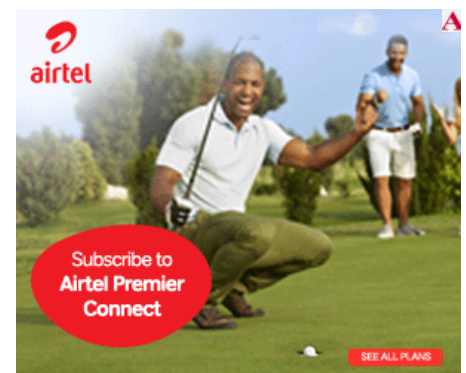


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him. They can come to eat his body. This is just the beginning."

Mandos' two wives were seen crying and also declined speaking with *PUNCH Metro*.

A sister of the deceased, Iyabo, described his death as a blow to the family, adding that their father was devastated by the incident.

The Lagos State Police spokesperson, DSP Kenneth Nwosu, said, "The police have commenced investigation. Efforts will be made to get the culprits."

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