

Developer, brother arrested for bricklayer's death

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THE Lagos State Police Command has arrested a developer and his brother for the alleged murder of a 48-year-old bricklayer, Musibau Alimi, who was clubbed to death in the Agege Motor Road, Mushin area of the state.

PUNCH Metro learnt that Musibau, a native of Ibadan, Oyo State, was killed inside an uncompleted one-storey building at the Olosa bus stop where he had gone to work. It was gathered that Musibau was waiting to receive his wages for about two months when he was killed.

PUNCH Metro learnt that a barber, identified only as Ibrahim, who is said to be a friend of the developer handling the construction, and whose shop is adjacent to the site, had since fled the area since the day of incident.

It was gathered that the matter was reported at the Alakara Police Division, and

the police came to remove Musibau's corpse to a public morgue in Yaba.

It was also learnt that the police had arrested and

detained the developer, whose name had yet to be ascertained as of press time. The police have also launched a manhunt for the barber.



• Musibau

Photo: Family

When our correspondent visited the deceased's family in Ajo compound, Mushin, on Monday, his wife, Bose, told *PUNCH Metro* that Musibau did not disclose how much the developer owed him. She added that her husband usually lamented that he had not been paid any money.

She said, "On that Thursday morning, I had followed him to that site because I wanted to collect some money from him. It was around 9am that we got there; we met some carpenters working on the roof, and he greeted them.

"I also saw the barber; his shop is opposite the site. I was asking Musibau for money to pay our kids' school fees and other house expenses, but he lamented that he did not have money as the developer on the site had not paid him any wage since he began work.

"After some minutes, I left him and came back home. In the afternoon, when my children came back from school, I sent one of them to go and see their father. When he got there, he told me he saw the barber standing in the doorway, and the barber shouted at him, saying that Musibau was not working on the site.

"I was calling his phone number in the afternoon but it kept ringing out. When I later rushed to the site, I met the developer and the barber at the entrance too. The barber was holding my husband's phone."

The mother of four added that she then informed Musibau's friends when she felt something was not right. The friends later discovered the 48-year-old's mutilated body in the building.

She said, "I asked him to give me the phone. The only thing the two of them said was that my husband had been attacked and he could not talk. They asked me to come inside and see him. I suspected something was wrong and I said no. I then called his friends on the phone to come around. When they came, we went in and discovered his mutilated body in the upper part of the building."

Our correspondent learnt that the carpenters had also fled the building.

A police source told *PUNCH Metro* that Ibrahim was sighted on Monday morning at a pub in the area, but he evaded arrest, leaving his phone behind.

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October 12 public disorder in order to forestall a recurrence and called for the cooperation of the members of the public without which the tribunal could not achieve its objective.

In his own address, the panel's inaugural which held on the of the Lagos State Reforms Commission the Lagos State General and Com for Justice, Mr Kazeem, pledged government's support to the tribunal and members to be fearless.

He said, "The tribunal be fearless and everybody has a ventilate their observations and suggestions.

"Lagos is the hub of Nigeria a

The Commissioner of Police, Mr. Musa Kimo, who spoke through Public Relations Mr. Ahmad, revealed how suspects were used in Port Harcourt. He stated that one Onuoha was arrested by the police in connection with her involvement in the crime being tagged 'One by Nigerians'. He said, "We used tear gas and pepper, and to the crime and

occupants (all males) of the vehicle opened fire when policemen on duty tried to approach them, saying, "Three of the suspects were

axis of the Port Harcourt," he said. "I am here because I have no to help me. I do this thing because of family problems as I don't have anybody to

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