

# FAAN guard dies in Lagos airport

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General Aviation Terminal, Murtala Muhammed Airport, Lagos. Source: Google

A security man, identified as Usman Mohammed, of the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria, died on Friday while on duty at the General Aviation Terminal at the Murtala Muhammed Airport, Lagos.

According to eyewitnesses, the deceased fell and hit his head on the floor and some travellers, who were medical experts, tried resuscitating him for over five minutes, but eventually lost him. They said the airport's emergency ambulance did not come on time.

The immediate past General Secretary of the National Union of Air Transport Employees, Olayinka Abioye, confirmed the incident and said the deceased collapsed while on duty and died before receiving medical attention.

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Mohammed, who has been buried according to Islamic rites, was survived by a wife and five children.

Abioye described Mohammed's death as unfortunate and called on the management of FAAN to give priority to the welfare of workers.

He noted that some aviation security staff were made to work over time without rest periods or compensation. He claimed that "some of them work for 12 hours at a stretch without break simply because the directorate of aviation security is suffering from a dearth of adequate manpower."

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