

Lagos cart pusher stabs colleague to death during fight

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A cart pusher, simply identified as Mudasiru, is currently on the run after allegedly using a broken bottle to stab his colleague, Umaru, to death during a fight.

The incident happened in the Sabo, Yaba area of Lagos State on January 17, 2019.

PUNCH Metro gathered that Umaru, who sustained life threatening injuries during the fight, was on his way to the police station to report a case of assault against him, when he fell to the ground.

Mudasiru, who was chasing after him, allegedly pounced on him and stabbed him repeatedly.

A source in the area, Hassan Abubakar, said

no one knew Mudasiru's whereabouts since the incident took place, adding that police officers, while investigating the matter, arrested two people who knew nothing about the fight.

The 25-year-old Abubakar said, "On Thursday, January 17, 2019, a fight broke out between two cart pushers named Mudasiru and Umaru. During the fight, Mudasiru stabbed Umaru in the stomach and ran away immediately after realising the gravity of what he had done. Umaru died due to the injuries he sustained from the fight and up till now, no one knows the whereabouts of Mudasiru.

"Police officers from the Sabo Police Station, who are investigating the case, came to our area in Sabo, Yaba to arrest Barau and Habeebu, who were innocent of the crime. They arrested them because the suspect, who killed Umaru, is from Jos and Habeebu is a nephew of the deceased, while Barau is the leader of the people from Jos in the area. Because they are from the same village in the North does not make them suspects in the case."

The Seriki (leader) of northerners in the Sabo area of the state, Isoho Bature, said Umaru died because he lost lots of blood as a result of the stab wounds, adding that it took the intervention of their monarch before the police agreed that Barau and Habeeb should be released.

Bature said, "We had to call our king from the North to talk to the police before they agreed that they would release Barau and Habeeb. They are completely innocent of the crime; the murderer is still on the run and nobody knows what caused the fight between the two cart pushers. But Umaru was on his way to the police station to report the fight when he fell to the ground around the Total filling station, so Mudasiru pounced on him and stabbed him repeatedly.

"He (Umaru) fell to the ground because he had lost lots of blood, and that was what killed him. The man who stabbed him usually stays with bad people in the Iwaya area and the corpse of the deceased had been taken to the mortuary."

The Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer

CSP Chike Oti, who confirmed the incident to our correspondent, said the command had commenced investigation into the matter and would arrest those involved in the incident that led to Umaru's death.

Oti said, "What happened was that someone around a filling station alerted the

police that a certain young man, whose name is yet unknown, was discovered lying down there. The person said the man was not breathing properly and immediately the attention of the police was drawn to it; operatives of the command from the Sabo Division, who were mobilised to the scene, took him to the hospital, where he unfortunately gave up the ghost.

"When the doctor on duty inspected the body of the deceased, pieces of broken bottle were recovered from the injuries he sustained. Apparently, he was stabbed to death with a broken bottle. Meanwhile, undercover operatives have been deployed to commence investigation into the case to unravel the person or persons involved in the dastardly act."



• Sabo area, Lagos.

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