

Brothers, others arrested for killing security guard

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Bello

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The family of a security guard, Momodu Bello, who was allegedly killed by hoodlums in Ajangbadi, in the Ojo Local Government Area of Lagos State, have demanded justice for him.

PUNCH Metro learnt that the hoodlums were guests of two brothers, Jamiu and Lekan Yisa, who were marking the 41-day remembrance of their late father.

A security guard, Adeola Ashiru, who was patrolling the community around midnight, was reported to have caught the brothers and the guests smoking hemp.

Our correspondent gathered that a shouting match ensued between Ashiru and the men.

The guard was said to have contacted the Chairman of Ilupeju 2 Community Development Association, Femi Akinloye, who asked him to stay with the men, while he (Akinloye) mobilised policemen to the scene.

However, before Akinloye could get to the area, Ashiru had been injured, while another guard, Bello, was killed.

Ashiru said the incident happened on March 31, 2019.

He said, “I was patrolling around 12.25am when I saw about 10 men smoking hemp at the Morogbo bus stop. When I moved closer, I saw Lekan with them and I told them to leave the premises for their father’s house; but they refused.

“Lekan said there should be no patrol because of his father’s remembrance and I told him that he was not in a position to dictate to us. He (Lekan) and his brother are notorious for causing trouble in the area. They attacked me with machetes. If I did not escape, they would have killed me.”

PUNCH Metro learnt that Bello, who was also on duty at the time, was hacked to death.

The chairman, Akinloye, said when he got to the scene, he met the lifeless body of Bello, adding that Ashiru was rushed to the Ilogbo Central Hospital to avert a second death.

He said, “Immediately Lekan and his brother sighted me, they mobilised the hoodlums to attack me. But when they saw the police, they retreated and the police pursued and arrested them.”

The deceased’s mother, Mulikat, while demanding justice for her son, appealed to the government to assist the deceased’s three children who had become orphans.

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The state Police Public Relations Officer, Bala Elkana, said all the suspects had been arrested, adding that they would be charged to court.

He said, “Immediately the command received a distress call on the activities of the hoodlums, our men, who were mobilised to the scene of the incident, arrested all the suspects involved in the attack.

“Investigation is ongoing at the State Criminal Investigation and Intelligence Department, Yaba, and all the suspects will be charged to court.”

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