

Lagos bartender kills colleague

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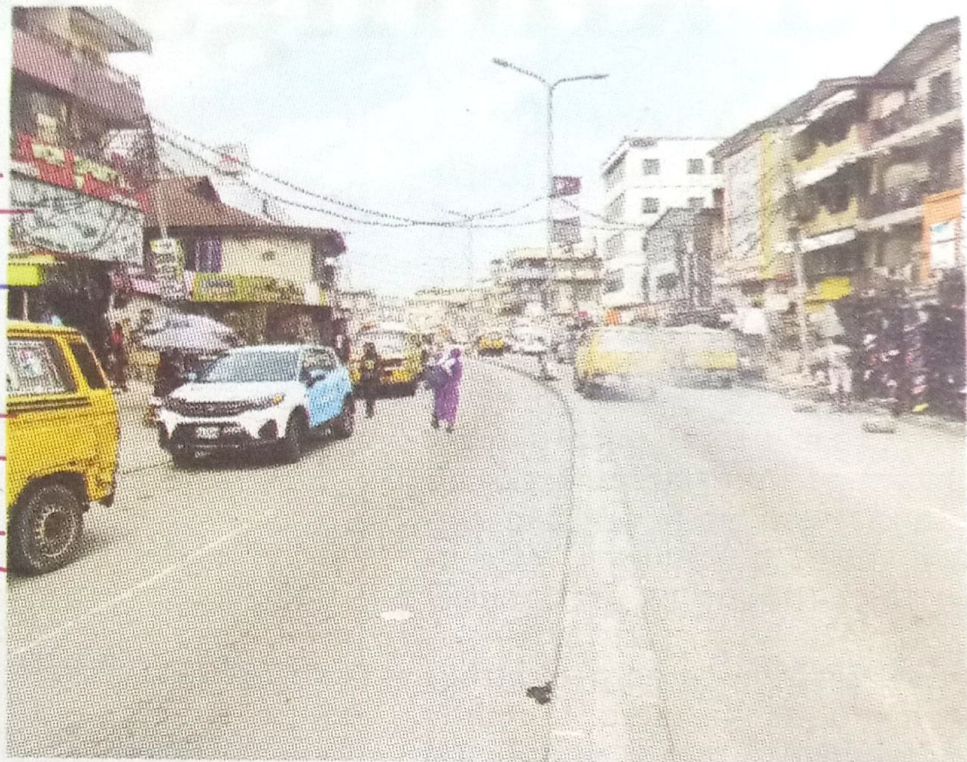
A bartender, Nyagh Isaiah, has allegedly killed his colleague, Kingsley Kato, during a fight at a hotel on Ojuelegba Road, in the Surulere Local Government Area of Lagos State.

PUNCH Metro gathered that Isaiah and Kato were attending to customers at the bar section of the hotel when an argument bordering on a Point of Sale transaction ensued between them.

During the argument, it was learnt that the two of them engaged in a shouting match and refused several entreaties by colleagues and customers to resolve their differences amicably.

However, the argument degenerated and the co-workers engaged each other in a scuffle that later involved the use of weapons, including broken bottles.

Our correspondent, who visited the crime scene on Monday, gathered from their colleague, who refused to disclose his name over the fear of losing his job, that when Isaiah



• Ojuelegba area

and Kato started fighting, they initially did not make use of any weapon.

The colleague explained that it was during the fight that they both fell on empty bottles which broke and injured them at different parts of their bodies.

He said, "Both of them are from the same village. They were attending to customers when an argument started between them. I don't know the cause of the argument that made both of them start engaging in a fight.

"As they were fighting, they both fell on empty bottles and the bottles broke. They continued fighting as they were rolling on the broken bottles and it pierced

various parts of their bodies.

"One of them sustained injuries in the neck and chest, and the other person also sustained injuries in the stomach and other parts of his body. But the one that sustained injuries in the neck and chest was rushed to hospital where doctors confirmed him dead."

The colleague said the matter was reported at the Surulere Police Division, adding that Isaiah was handed over to the police for prosecution.

A yet-to-be-identified customer, whom our correspondent met at the pub alongside other customers, said the management of the

Arrests in one month

Okrika Area Command of the state arrested one Johnson Baadee with 4.3kg of cannabis sativa at Ogale - Eleme," he added.

Continuing, the state command's spokesman said, "Meanwhile, in March 2023, the command arrested 23 drug peddlers, 17 males and

Suspect in custody over I

Ademola Adeshite, Ibadan

the custody of the State

e during fight over POS transaction

Taiwo, said people must learn to be patient in the face of provocation.

He added, "The stress in the workplace, environment and society is terrible. Imagine people fighting each other in a workplace. What does that tell us? Young adults and adults must learn how to keep their cool when they are angry.

"The solution is that people must learn to be patient and when talking about patience, people think it is a gift from heaven, no. When you exercise your ability to think more rightly and you tell yourself to cool down when angry, many things will become clearer.

"When you are angry, you become emotionally worked up that normal reasoning takes flight. Incidentally, when you do something when you are angry, regret will set in."

Cases of people refusing to embrace a peaceful approach to resolving their differences that most times led to arguments that degenerate into scuffles and unwarranted deaths are commonplace in Lagos State.

Sometime in March 2023, a woman, Annie Ofili, stabbed her friend, Glory Okon, to death at her residence on the Greenville Estate, Badore, in the Ajah area of the state.

Okon was said to have paid Ofili a visit at home and the two of them engaged in an argument

that led to a scuffle and in the process, Okon stabbed her visitor to death.

In the same March, a Chief Magistrates' Court sitting at Ebute-Metta, Lagos State, remanded three men, David Ife,

Toyeeb Ayodele, and Kofoworola Famuyiwa, at a correctional centre for allegedly stabbing a man, David Obiale, 23, to death in the Abule Egba area of the state.

Similarly, in February 2023,

a yet-to-be-identified soldier was accused of stabbing a ticket agent, Ibrahim Ikudaisi, aka Guardian, to death over arguments bordering on an N100 ticket in the Oshodi area of the state.

Ogun farmer in trouble for shunning hunters association

Dayo Oyewo

A farmer, David Akinola, was on Monday, April 3, arrested and detained by the Ogun State Police Command over his alleged refusal to join members of the Association of Hunters in the state.

PUNCH Metro gathered that some officers from Ogumakin Police Station stormed his house in the Obafemi Owode area of the state and arrested him alongside his son-in-law, Sunmonu Adebowale, allegedly on the orders of the head of hunters in Abeokuta, Alao Yesuf.

Speaking with our correspondent after regaining his freedom, Akinola, said he was pressured by the hunters' group to join the association some years ago.

Akinola, who claimed to have repeatedly turned down the request, said members of the group started to victimise him by invading his farm and seizing



•Akinola

his traps.

He said, "About nine years ago, the association of hunters in our community approached me to join them. They also said I would be paying dues and also worship the god of iron as a member. But I declined and told them that it was against my Christian faith.

"When I insisted on not joining them, they started entering my farm without my knowledge. That started about four years ago. They would pack all the traps on it and take them away. They did this repeatedly and even sometimes; they took away the traps with the games they caught.

"When the victimisation became too much, I decided to engage officials of Human Rights last week and told them what I was going through. And that was how they wrote a letter to Araba who is their head and requested a meeting for an amicable resolution.

"While we were expecting their response, the next we saw were policemen. They arrested us and when we got to the station, the DPO said what led to our arrest was more than the issue of the traps and that we had disrespected Araba."

Sunmonu, who used to be part of the association, said he renounced his membership due

to the way his wife's father was treated.

"I used to set traps on his farm until they challenged me to desist from doing so because he refused to join them. I told them that I would pay the dues on his behalf but they insisted that he must join them.

"So I felt there was no need for me to belong to a group that does not support me in assisting my relatives. That was why I left the association in January," he said.

Yesuf, however, denied forcing Akinola to join the association, adding that he only acted on a report relating to the traps on his farm.

He said, "I did not order his arrest and I did not force him to join our association. The association is divided into zones and the members of the zone in his area were the ones that came to complain about his traps to me.

"They said the traps harm their dogs and are also capable of harming people. I have not been to the farm, but since they came to report him, I asked him to come so that I can settle the matter amicably but he did not show up.

"The hunters in his area were those that seized the traps and took them to the station. Although, a leader in his community told me today that the hunters in his area were forcing him to join their association, that was not my concern. It is his choice to join or not."

When contacted, the state Police Public Relations Officer, Abimbola Oyeyemi, denied knowledge of the incident.

"I am not aware of the incident. I will make my findings and get back to you," he promised.

cloth vendor's death

until 12noon check out time if not for the power bank she borrowed from one of the receptionists. When we discovered that she was still breathing, we quickly called policemen at Akobo Police Station but unfortunately, she died before getting to the hospital.

"We called the suspect to inform him about the incident. He rushed down to the hotel to present himself to the police.

"He has been arrested and the case has been transferred to the SCID. He is one of our customers here."

When contacted, the state Police Public Relations Officer,

Adewale Osifeso, simply said, "Investigation is in progress. Updates would be provided accordingly, please."

Meanwhile, the hotel management, in a press statement, said it was cooperating with the police in the investigation.

"One of our guests passed away while staying with us. We are fully cooperating with the authorities in their investigation into this matter, and we assure you that we are doing everything we can to assist the police in their efforts to determine the cause of death," the hotel management said.